

# Welcome Home



## **Welcome Home: House of Dreams** October 9, 2022

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17

### **Sermon Overview:**

Our church home is a unique PLACE OF DREAMS, place of miracles, place of prayer, place of worship, place of belonging, place of purpose and so much more. No matter where you've been or where you're headed, we've got a seat for you at the table, and you're right on time. Welcome Home.

### **Sermon Series Questions:**

1. What makes NCC your church home?
2. What has God placed in your heart with regard to your purpose in our church home?

### **Sermon Specific Questions:**

1. Think of a time when you were frustrated. On what was your mind focused? If you could have adjusted your perspective to the bigger picture, how could that have helped you move through the situation with peace?
2. The Lord instructed His disciples to go and then to wait (for the Holy Spirit). What has the Lord asked you to "go" and do recently? What does it mean to wait for the Holy Spirit in that scenario?
3. Where in your life, in your reactions, in your habits are you operating out of a root of fear? Think for a moment and consider that you have created a house of fear around yourself in those circumstances. Now, imagine what it would look like for you to walk out of that house of fear, close the door, and walk into a house of love. What would change? How would things look differently if you operated out of a root of love? Continue to hold that image in your mind until love takes root and you see the fruit of love operating in your life.

### **Dig Deeper:**

1. Spend some time in prayer and ask the Lord to pour out His Spirit in greater measure on you, your household, and on your circle of influence. What images come to mind as you are praying?
2. What is your dream? What is your BHAG - your Big Hairy Audacious Goal? Would you consider praying through this dream for ten days? Would you consider asking your small group to pray with you?
3. What is the Holy Spirit qualifying you to do for God? How can you give the Holy Spirit "room to run wild" (G.K. Chesterton)? Spend some time journaling or talking aloud to the Lord.

**Additional Reading:** Jim Collins, *Good to Great*; Eugene Peterson, *Long Obedience in the Same Direction*