



i New Life Christian Center
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See Colossians 3:5-10 (NLT)

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)*

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

What are some life-change inventions that have helped you in your everyday life? (ex. - vehicles; computers; phones, etc.)

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

Read Ephesians 4:21-24. What is Paul specifically referring to when he says to, *"throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life?"*

The Big Idea for this weekend was, ***My encounter with Jesus leads to a changed life.*** Can you describe your first encounter? What was it like? Where were you?

Read Colossians 3:5-10. What visuals do you get as you process through these verses from Paul to the Colossian people?

Read and discuss Paul's first encounter with Jesus in Acts 9:1-9. How do you think Paul felt as he was being led by the hand into the city?

How has your thinking changed since you began a journey with Jesus?

How has your actions/behavior changed since you began a journey with Jesus?

Read Romans 7:21-25 and embrace this fact: We're all sinners. We live in a broken world. God is instructing and inviting us into repentance (to turn from an unhealthy direction, and walk in the other direction of obedience and holiness WITH Him). We're not going to always get it right... and it is a lifelong journey. The answer lies in verse 25. Read it again...

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Reflect of your actions, your behavior, your thoughts, and your words and ask yourself, "Has my life really changed? How am I different from my 'old person'?"

Are there areas of your life that you're holding back from Jesus changing because of doubt, or fear, or complacency? Let me challenge and encourage you today... to surrender those areas over to Him – so you can walk in the freedom that He died for you to have.

This week... if you say something, or react in a way that represents a behavior or a pattern from before you encountered Jesus... that should be different... ask yourself, "Shouldn't that be different in me?" And then - don't beat yourself up, but just take inventory... and then take it to Jesus. Allow him to change it because Jesus... changes... everything.