

BECOME NEW | 6-12-16

REFLECT & DISCUSS

Our journey of becoming begins with belief. What we believe about ourselves and our stories determines how we live. Who do you believe you are? What is one word that has been used in your life to define you? What words would God use to define you? In what ways have you grown in the last three years? Do you typically resist change or welcome it?

READ: *Revelation 2:17, 2 Corinthians 5:17*

The old names of our old lives define our old identity. Describe your old identity. The new name of our new life defines our new identity. Describe your new identity in Christ. When do you find yourself slipping back into your old identity? What helps you live in your new identity? What has your journey of becoming a new creation looked like? Is this change something you work at or something Christ does in you?

READ: *Philippians 2:12-13*

Why are we supposed to show the results of our new life in Christ? Isn't this showing off? What does it mean to obey God with deep reverence and fear? Sometimes we feel in over our head trying to live for Christ...like our old nature comes back repeatedly to drown us. How is it empowering to know God is working in you to give you the desire and power to do His will? How has God been working in you to change you?

READ: *Ephesians 4:21-24*

What thoughts and attitudes do you need the Holy Spirit to renew? Is it safer to remain the same or to be changed? What risk do you need to take to become the best version of yourself? Why is this risk worth the effort?

CHALLENGE

What is an example of media you have received recently? What is an example of media you have redeemed recently? What is an example of media you have rejected recently? How does thinking this way change you?

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank you for transforming and empowering me to leave my old nature behind and thrive in my new nature. Thank you for giving me the desire, power, and discipline to constantly change so I can become more like you. Please show me ways I am resisting the change you want to bring into my life and help me to be obedient.

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