

MISSIONAL GROUPS

All Things New

Jan 26

John 15:1-5; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Joshua 1:8; Philippians 4:6-7

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

What steps would you take to create a new habit in your life?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: New Habits

John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

2 Tim 3:16-17

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Read through these scriptures and share a couple of things that stand out to you.

In the message Sunday we learned that one of the ways we grow in our Christian life is by incorporating new habits. Prayer and reading the Bible are foundational to our life of discipleship.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding God as a loving Father influence the way you approach spiritual disciplines like prayer and Bible reading?
2. The sermon emphasizes the importance of reading the Bible and prayer as foundational spiritual habits. What specific challenges do you face in maintaining these habits, and how can you overcome them?
3. The sermon suggests planning and prioritizing quiet time with God. What steps can you take this week to create a consistent routine for prayer and Bible reading?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

What is God challenging you in your heart about creating new habits?

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply these scriptures in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us to focus on new habits in Christ.