



Life Group Questions

The New & The Same

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Key Scriptures:

James 2:14-24

Ezra 3:1-12

Isaiah 43:16-19

Discussion Questions:

Talk about it:

Ice Breaker: *When was the last time you tried something new? How did it turn out? How do you respond to change? What's fun about change? What's hard about it?*

Read and discuss James 2:14-24

What goes through your mind when you hear "Faith without action is dead"? What are some actions that you could start or do more that would show you have faith? What are some actions or situations in your life currently or in the past where you have not walked in faith? When was the last time you displayed an act of faith?

Read and discuss Ezra 3:1 and John 17:20-23

What is significant about the words in Ezra 3 "The people assembled together as one"? What are your thoughts about unity in the body of Christ? Where do you see unity in the body happening? Where is it lacking? How can you help spread unity?

Read and discuss Ezra 3:2-6 Colossians 3:1-4 and 12-17 and discuss.

What do you see happening in Ezra 3:2-6? (In other words now that the people of God have returned home what do they begin doing?) Colossians 3 describes the way believers in Jesus should conduct themselves, take a look at the list and ask yourself, "How am I doing with this?" Where are you winning? Where do you want to grow?

Read and discuss Ezra 3:10-12 and Isaiah 43:16-19

What stands out to you about the two responses to the foundation of the temple being laid? Which group would you have been part of? What's difficult to you about Isaiah 43:18? What new thing do you sense the Lord doing in you?

Close your group with praying for one another, take time to thank the Lord for the gift of faith and ask him to heal your unbelief. Ask him to give you the chance to try something NEW in your faith journey this week...

JUMP Challenge for week 1: In faith try something new this week?