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LINKED: Week 4: Transition

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[warm up]

Have you ever taken on a restoration project? What were the joys and challenges of working on that project?

What similarities and differences come to you mind when you compare people restoring objects (cars, houses, furniture) and God restoring people?

[digging deeper]

Read Isaiah 61. Which verses use language that communicates the concept of restoration? What are some of the images and pictures that God paints through the lips of the prophet of Isaiah to display restoration and new life?

Using a Bible concordance or online Bible study sites, look up the words “restore” and “restoration”. What do we learn about God’s heart to restore and the people’s cry for restoration from any of these additional verses?

Youversion.com

biblestudytools.com

biblegateway.com

esvbible.org

blueletterbible.org

What are your thoughts on the following phrase: God has restored us (justification) is restoring us (sanctification) and will restore us (glorification)?

The last couple weeks, CVC has been sharing our new expression of our mission – “Inviting people to new life in Christ”. How does the concept of restoration line up and connect with a follower of Jesus having new life in Christ?

Is new life in Christ something only experienced at the moment of salvation? What are ways that we “live new” everyday?



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How do these verses encourage us about living new in Christ?

2 Cor. 5:17

Rom. 6:4

Eph. 4:22-24

Share any other verses that come to mind for you about restoration or new life in Christ.

[living it out]

How have you experienced God's restoring work and new life in Christ?

What areas of your life are still broken and need restoration, or what areas of your life do you sense God is in the process of restoring and making new right now?

Is there a relationship in your life that is still broken? How can you prayerfully and intentionally seek out restoration of this relationship with God's help?

Is there a physical/spiritual cause that you sense God calling you to be an agent of restoration for (poverty, hunger, sex trafficking, slavery, etc.)?

Close this time in prayer asking God to restore, and bring new life into the areas that apply above. Examples: God, please help me restore my relationship with____, breathe new life into that relationship. God, help me live new and experience Your restoration power in my life. May my words, attitudes and actions be used for restoration in the world and not destruction. God, those suffering from____ has gripped my heart. I pray against____ and ask You to help me know how to be an agent of Your restoration and new life in this area.