



Message: Deconstruct to Reconstruct: *A Christ Follower's Normal Lifestyle* (1-09-22)

Use the message and the message notes and message help guide your answers and discussion for group.

Helpful Hints:

The primary goal of Small Groups has always been to help Christ Followers grow stronger in their walk by having fellowship with one another. We want each member to hear the word of God, retain it, internalize it, and most importantly apply it. One of the ways we grow as Christ Followers is to make sure we strive each day to align ourselves with the word of God. Here are some tips to help us all make sure we are continuing to strive to align ourselves with the word of God, and His instructions for His followers.

(Exodus 24:7, John 14:23, Deuteronomy 5:33)

- Before you meet watch the message again on our YouTube page (Now Word Covenant Church)
 - It is important to watch it again because there are things you miss the first time that you can get when you watch again.
- Use scripture to back up your answers during discussion. Try not to give your opinion as it pertains to the word of God. If everyone in the group gives a different answer, then it is probably opinion and not Bible.
- Try not to start your answer with "I think...". Instead ask "What does God's word say about this?" Always refer to the word of God, which is the answer to every question.
- If no one knows the answer, it is okay to say, "I don't know". Do some studying before the next meeting and be ready to share your answers.

Pre-Discussion Questions:

1. Define a normal lifestyle in your own words.

2. Did your lifestyle change when you became a Christ Follower? Should your lifestyle change when you become a Christ Follower? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions:

1. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through Sunday's message?
2. According to Sunday's message, and the word of God what does "I no longer live" mean?
 - a. You must die to follow Jesus, what does this mean?
3. Explain the following quote. Use scripture to back up your answer. "You cannot overcome sin until you put to death your self-effort by your co-death with Christ."
4. Read Luke 9:23 according to the message, and scripture what does this verse mean?
5. How can we become desensitized to sin? What can we do as Christ Followers to make sure we remain sensitive to sin?
6. When we say "not my will, but thy will be done" what are we saying?
7. Christ lives in Christ Followers. What should our behaviors and thoughts be if Christ lives in us?
8. Read and explain Galatians 5:16.
9. Discuss the following quote: "Learning to live in state of awareness and connection with the Holy Spirit is inseparable from following Christ."
10. Discuss the following quote: "When we have a lifestyle that completely trust in Christ the world will no longer see religion but a relationship with God."
11. What is one thing you learned from this week's message that you will immediately apply?