

VICTORY

Regarding my PRESENT

How are you today? **Weary?** Heavy **burdens?**

Matt. 11:28-29; Gal. 6:9

Transformed into a **NEW** person

2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20

The '**OLD** me' vs. the '**REMADE** me'

Declared **RESTORED** and **RIGHTEOUS**

Granted a renewed **MINDSET**

Romans 12:1; John 8:36

The ability to grow in **CAPACITY** and **PERSPECTIVE**

Capacity: **pain**, trials, temptations, **worship**, prayer, service

Perspective: Worldview, **people**, holiness, priorities, **values**

Next Steps:

COME to Jesus

Romans 10:9-10

Come **BACK** to Jesus

1 John 1:8-10

PRESS IN to Jesus

Matthew 11:28-29

Auburn Grace Community Church – Easter Sunday 2025

Life Group Discussion Questions – April 20, 2025

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

DISCOVER

1. Who is responsible for new creation? What responsibilities does the believer have? Describe some characteristics and behaviors that passed away when you became a believer. Likewise, share new characteristics and behaviors that replaced the old.
2. What does it mean today that you are in a new position with God? How has your soul been restored? In what ways do you think differently than you did in the past? What mindsets have been adjusted? Are you resting in peace with God, right now? How so?
3. Describe what a transformed life looks like? When did you first sense God's declaration of you being righteous? Do you recognize your righteousness through Christ? Justify your position.
4. What determines our capacity for following God's plan for our lives? Name some Bible characters or modern-day believers that have demonstrated great capacity for doing good. How are these people different than you?

EXPLORE

1. Read Galatians 2:20. If you were talking to a new believer, how would you teach the reality of being crucified with Christ? What do you begrudgingly hold onto from your former self? How does transformation by Christ and discipline come together to bind us in keeping His commandments? We are all a 'work in progress'. Share some areas where you see room for closer alignment to God's plan for you.
2. Read John 8:36. If we are bondservants to Christ (1 Peter 2:16) then what is this freedom described by John? From what have you been freed (Ephesians 2:1)? 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and Isaiah 53 emphasize the cost of our freedom. What was the price? What does it mean to be "bought at a price" and how should this understanding impact our daily lives?
3. Read Romans 12:1-2. Does the reference to "bodies" only mean our physical being? How should we present our bodies as a living sacrifice? What are some subtle ways that believers, groups or churches, conform to the world? Sliding into worldliness can be very subtle and even unintentional. What protections must we have in place to avoid such disobedience?

EXPERIENCE

1. How can we practically glorify God with our bodies in today's society? In what ways does recognizing our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit influence our decisions and lifestyle? How does the concept of being a "living sacrifice" challenge or encourage you in your walk with Christ?
2. How might it influence your relationships if you saw fellow believers as saints? If you are saved by grace and being sanctified, then what should be done with your new joy?
3. Go around the room and share how you changed when you began following Jesus. Are you holding back God's best intentions for your life? Share some of the intentions that God might have for you which are yet to be fulfilled.

PRAY

Pray...Thanks be to You God, as You give us victory in Jesus. Easter Sunday opens our eyes to the victory of right now, ordained by Your Son through His resurrection. He is risen! Amen.