

- **How many of you know someone who was given parole or finished their term in prison, was set free, but then was back in prison a few months later?**

- **What are some of your main goals in life right now?**

1 Peter 1:14-15 *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.*

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

- **In which of these areas would you like to grow the most? Why?**

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 *For you know how like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

Ephesians 5:8-10 *...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of the light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*

- **What obstacles keep us from walking in the light?**
- **What are some practical ways we can work to overcome those obstacles?**
- **How can we help each other live in a way that's worthy of God's kingdom and Christ's name?**

2 Corinthians 3:18 *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

- **How do you feel about your experience with the Bible right now?**
- **What steps can you take to help each other get the most out of our time in God's word?**

Romans 12:1-2 *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Ephesians 4:22-24 *...put off the old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

- **How do we practice putting off and putting on?**

--- Homework ---

1. Read **Romans 12:9-12** and answer the following questions:
 - a. What do you like best about these verses? Why?

- b. What do you find the most challenging about these verses? Why?
- c. Where will you find help and support to live the kind of life described in these verses?

2. Read **1 Corinthians 10:13** and answer the following questions:

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

- a. What is your initial reaction to this verse? Why?
- b. When have you felt like temptations or troubles were more than you could bear?
- c. How will your life change if you believe without a shadow of a doubt that this verse is true?
- d. What is a next step you would like to take in order to become more like Jesus?

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Lesson 4 Questions

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Memory Verse

*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.
And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.
(Ezekiel 36:26)*

- **What is something good that you recently experienced for the first time?**

New things we experience through salvation:

- **Forgiveness – Isaiah 1:18** *“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.”*
- **Part of God’s Kingdom – Colossians 1:13-14** *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*
- **We have God’s Spirit – 1 Corinthians 3:16** *Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?*
- **We are made new – 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.*
- **Which of these new things we just talked about from salvation make you feel excited? Why?**
- **How has knowing God changed you?**