

STUDY GUIDE: “New Life”

Discussion Starters

1. Have you purchased or received something brand new that excited you?
2. Have you ever had to go back and visit the instruction manual more than once to figure out all the details of a new item?

Study

3. In preparation for this study read Romans 6:1-14, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:17-24, 1 Peter 1:13-23

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Concordance. Strong's Concordance is a good tool and Blueletterbible.org is a good tool to use for online study. I have also included Strong's Reference numbers to assist you. The letter before the reference pertains to the original language (H-Hebrew, G-Greek).

If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“new” (2 Corinthians 5:17 Strong's Reference # g2537)—

--“alive” (Romans 6:11 Strong's Reference # g2198)—

--“conformed” (Romans 12:2 Strong's Reference # g4964)—

--“renewing” (Romans 12:2 Strong's Reference # g342)—

--“hardness” (Ephesians 4:18 Strong’s Reference # g4457)—

5. Based on the scriptures above, what relationship does Jesus’ resurrection have with the New Life of a Christian?

6. Why does Paul emphasize that the old is passed away in 2 Corinthians 5:17? What does that mean?

7. What action is Paul asking the Ephesian church to take in chapter 4:17-18? What does that mean to you?

Taking It Home

8. What does it mean to you that your sins have been completely forgiven and you are a new person when you come to faith in Jesus?

9. Take some time right now to thank God for the new life you have in Christ.