

**9. Renew: Gods’ Process for All Things**

**Community Building:** What is your favorite movie? Why?

**First Reading:** Pg. 187 - All Things New - In every gospel story we’ve looked at in this book, we’ve seen Jesus renewing lives. This is because the grand story of the Bible is essentially God making all things new. God will set right everything that’s gone wrong. This is both a future reality and a present part of God’s process.

1. How is God making things new a present reality? Read 2 Corinthians 5:17
2. How is God making things new a future reality?

**Second Reading:** Pg. 188 FRUITFULNESS & FRUSTRATION: Because we are modern witnesses to Jesus and the current manifestation of the church, the Bible says we should follow the Spirit’s lead,(Rom 8:14) walk in the Spirit,(Gal 5:16) and continually be filled with the Spirit.(Eph 5:18) As we endeavor to live life at Godspeed, it’s imperative that we learn how to hear what the Spirit says.(Rev 2:7) The difference between hearing the Spirit and not hearing the Spirit on mission is the difference between fruitfulness and frustration.

4. What does it mean to:
  - a. Follow the Spirit’s lead
  - b. Walk in the Spirit
  - c. Continually be filled with the Spirit
  - d. Hear what the Spirit says
5. Why is the difference between hearing the Spirit and not hearing the Spirit, faithfulness and frustration?

**Third Reading:** Pg. 191 Hearing from the Spirit is a lifelong process of discovery. The Bible reveals a God who is present, a God who speaks, a God who is intimately concerned with our lives, and a God who is willing to speak into our lives.

7. Are we always going to get it right when it comes to hearing from the Lord?
8. Do we need to worry about hearing God wrong?
9. How do we get better at hearing God?

**Fourth Reading:** Pg. 196 No matter how muddled your life has been, God has a strategy to use you—as you are and where you are. He is bigger than your sin and is the One who redeems you. Your life is not the sum of your mistakes. God can use your mistakes. He is sovereign, and He sent you to this time and place strategically because you are the best person to reach the people around you.

10. Why will it make a difference in our willingness to be on mission, if we believe we have been renewed and strategically positioned for His mission?

**Fifth Reading:** P. 200 - The Bible says we are a process. We ought to be more sanctified than we are—absolutely—.... When it comes to carrying out effective mission, it behooves us to simply be real and authentic with people. If we’re going to talk about the mercy and forgiveness we receive, then we must be honest about why we need it. Authentic transformation was Jesus’ idea for communicating the gospel. That’s why it works.

10. How can we be real and authentic with people that gives God glory?
11. How does authentic transformation communicate the Gospel?

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