



LIFEgroup Study Guide

April 19-26

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This study guide follows along with LBF Church's current Sunday message series, and is intended to be a supplement in your daily passionate pursuit of Jesus.

- *Watch last Sunday's message video:*
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Is your group stumped? Did you come to a question that you feel needs clarification? Our church isn't too big. Contact Pastor Dan with your questions.

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Lesson 1: A New Creation

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Something New

A New Creation

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Main Point

Those who belong to Jesus Christ are made new from the inside out.

Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

Getting Started

1. Name one difference between Christians and non-Christians.

3. What did you hear that stood out to you? If you heard the sermon on this passage, feel free also to share something significant that you heard in the sermon.

2. What are some new things that happen to a person who becomes a Christian?

4. Paul says that Christians should no longer regard anyone from a worldly point of view. What are some worldly ways to classify and judge people?

Digging In to the Passage

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 aloud. Feel free to read it more than once if that helps.

"¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in

5. Paul says that we once regarded Christ from a worldly point of view. In other words, they concluded based on what they saw on the surface. What are some ways people regarded Jesus incorrectly during his earthly life? What are some ways that people view Jesus erroneously today?

6. Paul says that, for believers, the old has gone and the new is here. What are some “old” realities that are gone now for people who place their faith in Jesus?

Getting The Whole Picture

7. In this passage, Paul tells Christians that they are new. In Ephesians 4:22-24, Paul tells Christians what to do about this newness. Read the passage aloud. What do these verses say about how Christians are to respond to the new things that God has done in them?

Applying The Passage

8. Name one specific way that you believe God is calling you to respond to the fact that you are a new creation in Christ.

9. Satan is the accuser and the father of lies. What are some specific lies that Satan tells you when it comes to the Scriptural teaching of you being a new creation? How can you fight against these lies?

Something New

A New Grid

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Main Point

Those who belong to Jesus are invited to live with an entirely new perspective.

⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Getting Started

1. How is your daily life influenced by your overall perspective toward life?

3. What struck you most about the passage—or the sermon, if you heard it?

2. Share about a time when your perspective about something changed significantly.

4. In verse 1, Paul reminds believers that they have been "raised with Christ." How does the resurrection of Jesus impact the way that you, as a Christian, see the world?

Digging In to the Passage

Colossians 3:1-4

"¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

5. In verses, 1-2 Paul talks about setting our hearts and our minds on things above. What are some practical ways Christians can make a conscious decision to set their hearts or thoughts on things above?

6. What are some examples of “things above” as opposed to “earthly things”?

11. What Scriptural truths—that form your new grid for reality—are most precious to you, and why?

7. In verse 3, Paul says that your life is hidden with Christ in God. In what ways is your identity as a child of God hidden right now from the world around you?

8. According to verse 4, what is the hope that gives strength to us now?

Getting The Whole Picture

9. Look up the following passages and briefly tell how each relates to how Jesus gives Christians a new perspective about life.

- Romans 12:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
- Philippians 4:8

Applying The Passage

10. Name one specific way that you can intentionally set your mind and heart on things above.