



Connect: LIFEgroup discussion guide

a Christian community of fresh hope

"reSet – reStore – reFresh – reNew" Sunday 31st January 2021

WELCOME: we began the first message of the year with a video of highlights and lowlights of 2020. What were your thoughts on seeing the video? What are key things that come to mind from your year?

The review used images and statements related to FEAR, which led to 4 responses as themes for 2021...

DISCUSSING THE MESSAGE:

The Leadership Team shared that 2020 was a year that created an opportunity to "reset."

- What are your reflections on that idea? Do you agree or disagree and why?
- Read: *Gen 1:28; 9:1; 35:10-11; Lev 26:9; Ps 105:24*
- In what ways do you think the Scriptures relate "the story of God continually pushing the reset button?"
- In what ways do they display a "reset" from God?

reSet

When we restore anything, we have a choice about what aspects we will restore, what elements we include & exclude.

- In what ways can Christians become unbalanced in expressing our faith in the world around us?
- In what ways can we demonstrate that we are speaking truth and acting in love (*Eph 4:15*)
- How can we restore the abilities to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God (*Micah 6:8*) as we serve our community?

reStore

READ: *Matt 11:28-30*

- Verse 28 can be rendered as Jesus saying, "Come to me all you weary and burdened and I will refresh you."
- In what ways is it vital to receive refreshing in life?
- In what ways is "refreshing" an active rather than just passive process in this passage?
- In what ways can there be "ease" when we partner together with Jesus in his yoke?
- Share with one another ways in which you encounter refreshing from God...

reFresh



reNew

Read these scriptures around the group:

READ: Jer 31:31-33; Acts 3:17-20; 2 Cor 5:17; Rom 12:2

- **What do these verses say about renewal?**
- **What part does God play and what is the role of the believer in the renewal process??**
- **What ways are there we as a LIFEgroup and Connect Church as a family could encounter renewal in 2021?**



Over 50 years ago, the church now called Connect, was planted by a community of passionate Christian believers. The pioneers sacrificed to build a Preschool and a church building, that would be a source of blessing to the local community. There is a sense that at times we may have lost the passion for this calling, but we have the opportunity now to reset our purpose. In 2021 let's restore core values of the church that we see in the New Testament, let's refresh

our commitment to God's plans and purposes for our community and let's renew our approach to seeing God's Kingdom come and God's will being done in our world as it is in heaven

Pray together:

Pray for a season to reset our priorities to engage God's calling on Connect church.

Pray for a season to restore core values that have been lost along the way.

Pray for a season to refresh our love for God, the church and people who don't yet know God.

Pray for a season to renew a steadfast spirit, committed to overcome obstacles, to be fruitful and multiply as we partner with God in Engadine, our Shire, our city, our nation and our world.