

Bible Study Renewal

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Day: 1 Newness

1. Read Song of Solomon 10-15

- What does this teach us about "newness?"
- What should we beware of in the new season?
- Read Matthew 24: 32-33

2. Read Isaiah 43: 18-21

- What is the message of the metaphor in this?
- Name the enemies of renewal.
- Read Hebrews 13: 8

3 What does Malachi 3: 10-12 teach us about God?

4. What are your goals for the future?

- Personally
- As a care group

5. What are the prerequisites for reaching these goals?

6. What does Revelations 2: 3-4 tell us what the secret of reaching God's goals in your life is?

7. Further Reading:

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| • Revelations 3: 14-18. | Luke warn spiritually |
| • 1 Peter 1: 3-5. | A new life and future |
| • Hebrews 8: 8-13. | A new covenant |
| • Galatians 6: 11-16. | A new person |
| • Ezekiel 36: 26-29, | A new heart |

Day: 2 New Courage And Hope

Read Luke 5: 10

1. Thinking back about the past year or so, what did you find to be the most difficult thing?
2. What are the fears you have in your heart for the rest of the year?
3. What is the real source of fear?
 - 1 John 4: 16-18
4. What is your comfort during hard times?
 - 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18
5. What does 1 Peter 1: 6-7 teach us about the purpose of hard times?
6. What does the metaphor in Deuteronomy 32: 10-12 teach us about hard times?
7. Further Reading:
 - Deuteronomy 2: 1-15. Tribulations are part of the plan
 - Hebrews 3: 7-15. Do not become hardened
 - Isaiah 40: 31-32. New power and energy
 - James 5: 7-11. God's time
 - 1 Peter 5: 5-10. The Christian's suffering

Day: 3 A New Vision

Read Mark 16: 15-16

1. What is vision?
 - God's vision Acts 1: 8
2. Why is it necessary to have a vision?
3. What is your vision for?
 - Your personal life
 - Your congregation
 - Your city Isaiah 33: 8-9
 - Your country 2 Chronicles 7: 14
4. What keeps us from fulfilling our vision?
5. What does Isaiah 60: 1-5 teach us about a new vision?
6. What is the basis of a new vision according to Hosea 3: 5?
7. How does one test a new vision?
8. What is the result of a new vision according to Matthew 9: 17?
9. What should change in our church?
10. Further Reading:
 - Matthew 5: 14-16. New light
 - Romans 12: 1-2. New thoughts
 - Matthew 5: 3-12. What does a new Christian look like?
 - 2 Corinthians 12: 1-6. A new vision
 - Mark 8: 31=33. Resistance to vision

Day: 4 God The One Breaking Through

1. What is the connection between opposition and hardships on the one side and realizing your vision?
2. Is it God or Satan bringing all the trials and tribulations over us?
 - Psalm 66: 8-12
3. What is the hope available to a Christian in trouble?
 - Micah 2: 12-13
4. What can you say to someone having problems, trials and tribulations?
5. What is the purpose of trials and tribulations according to Acts 16: 23-33?
6. Why isn't there some breakthrough soon every time?
7. Identify the area where a breakthrough is necessary in:
 - Your congregation
 - Your care group
 - Your personal life
8. Plan a strategy to accomplish it
9. Give the first step by devoting some time for prayer concerning this issue.
10. Further Reading:
 - Zechariah 2: 5-13. God encourages
 - Hebrews 3: 12-15. Do not become hardened
 - Isaiah 40: 2-9. Open the road
 - Isaiah 40: 27-31. God gives new strength
 - Exodus 23: 20-33. Onwards

Day: 5 God Is Victorious

1. Do you believe that we are in a daily battle with the powers of darkness?
 - Gen 3: 15
 - 1 Peter 5: 8
 - Revelations 2-3
 - Matthew 4: 1-11
 - Revelations 12
2. What does Ephesians 6: 10-13 say about this?
3. What is the enemy's strategy to immobilize us?
 - Ephesians 6: 14-17
 - Revelations 12: 10
 - 2 Timothy 2: 26
 - 2 Corinthians 11: 14
 - John 8: 44
 - 1 Corinthians 10: 3-5
4. What can we do to get victory over the enemy?
 - Deuteronomy 20: 3-4
 - Ephesians 6: 14-17
 - John 4: 7
 - 1 Peter 5: 8-9
 - 1 Samuel 17: 45-47
5. What does the following teach us about victory over the enemy?
 - Deuteronomy 20: 3-4
 - Ephesians 6: 14-17
 - James 4: 7
 - 1 Peter 5: 8-9
 - 1 Samuel 17: 45-47
6. Think of the ways in which you are attacked by Satan.
7. Take your authority in Jesus' name and pray for deliverance and victory.
8. Every time Satan attacks you, take up your place in Christ and use your authority in Christ to fight the enemy. Memorize Romans 8: 37.
9. Further Reading:

- Psalm 21: 1-10. Victory given
- Psalm 60: 6-14. God give the victory
- 2 Timothy 2: 3-10. Do not become despondent
- Daniel 3: 16-30. God is reliable and can be trusted
- Daniel 6: 6-29. Do not be afraid of a lion!

Day: 6 The Fruit Of Victory

1. What does Zephaniah 3: 12-20 say about victory?
2. Which sins do Christians still battle a lot with today?
3. What are the sinful things that are still in the world still have a very strong hold on people's lives?
 - 1John 2: 15-17
4. Why do Christians still give in to temptations?
 - Matthew 26: 41
 - James 1: 14
 - Luke 9: 23
 - Luke 22: 40
 - 1 Corinthians 10: 13
5. How are you supposed to react when you have fallen in sin?
6. Why is it so hard to forgive ourselves?
 - John 8: 44
 - 1 John 1: 9
 - Isaiah 1: 18
7. What is the secret to victory over sin?
 - Romans 6: 1-14
 - Romans 8: 9-14
8. What are the Biblical standards for?
 - Alcoholism (Ephesians 5: 18, 1 Corinthians 6: 10, Proverbs 23: 29-35, 1 Corinthians 3: 16-17, Romans 14: 15-23, 1 Corinthians 10: 31)
 - Smoking (Exodus 20: 13, 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20, 1 Corinthians 6: 12, Matthew 7: 12, Matthew 22: 39 1Corinthians 29: 23-27)
 - Watching movies and TV (Matthew 5: 28, Philippians 4: 8, Ephesians 5: 15-17, Romans 12: 1-2)
9. Tell someone about a sin in your life that you need victory over and then pray for it.
10. Further Reading:
 - Matthew 4: 1-11. Jesus' temptations
 - Psalm 73: 1-28. Prosperity of the sinner

- Acts 15: 28-34.
- Romans 14: 13-23.

The guiding of the Holy Spirit
Biblical guidelines

Day: 7 Servant Of Excellence

1. What is the definition Galatians 5: 6b gives for true faith?
2. Should all members of a church be involved in service?
 - 1 Cotinthians12: 12-14
 - Matthew 20: 26-28
3. What does the Bible teach us about the gifts of the Spirit?
 - 1 Peter 4: 10-11
 - Exodus 31: 2-5
 - 1 Corinthians 14: 3 and 12
5. Think about the following:
 - What is your passion?
 - What are your gifts?
 - Where can that fit into service in your congregations?
6. Why are some Christians still uninvolved?
7. What does the Bible say about it?
 - Matthew 6: 33
 - Colossians 4: 17
 - Philippians 2: 20-21
8. Further Reading:
 - Psalm 34: 8-12. A command to serve
 - Isaiah 2: 13. The danger of selfishness
 - 2 Chronicles 2: 5-9. Build a huge church
 - 2 Chronicles 19: -8-11. Everyone has a duty
 - 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7. The characteristics of a person available for service

Day: 8 Joyful Service

1. Discuss the following: "Christians are people with long faces that are complaining all the time"

2. What does the Bible say about the image of a Christian?

- Romans 15: 13
- Romans 15: 30-33
- Matthew 5: 11-12

3. Why should we serve?

- 2 Corinthians 5: 17
- Matthew 20: 26-28

4. Why should we serve according to Galatians 6: 2 and 9

5. When does one grow the most in your spiritual life, when you are handing our spiritual food or when we are dishing it out?

6. What does Luke 10: 34-42 teach us about being available for service.

7. How do you know if an idea is from God or from yourself?

8. Further Reading:

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| • Romans 14: 7-12. | Selfishness |
| • Hebrews 12: 7-11. | Joy during difficult times |
| • Isaiah 58: 8-11. | Available for service |
| • Philippians 2: 5-11. | Let go of your rights |
| • Luke 22: 24-27. | Jesus' servant |

Day: 9 The Spirit Gives Life

1. Is there any relation between being filled with the Holy Spirit and the functioning of the gifts?

2. What does the Bible say about it?

- Zechariah 4: 6
- 1 Corinthians 12: 7-11
- 1 Corinthians 14: 1
- 1 Thessalonians 5: 19-20

3. What are the grounds for you claiming to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

4. What do you understand as "being filled with the Holy Spirit?"

- Ephesians 5: 18
- John 7: 38-39
- Galatians 5: 18
- 1 Corinthians 3: 1
- Galatians 5: 16
- Galatians 5: 25
- Matthew 3: 11
- Acts 1: 5
- Acts 2: 7
- Ephesians 4: 30
- 1 Thessalonians 5: 13

5. In which way will you be able to see if someone is Spirit filled?

- Galatians 15: 22-23
- John 16: 13-14
- 1 Corinthians 13: 13

6. What can I do to make God's instruction to me clearer?

- Galatians 2: 19-20
- Galatians 5: 24

7. Discuss the following: "the Spirit with the Word is just as dangerous as the Word without the Spirit.

8. Further Reading:

- 1 Corinthians 2: 10-16. Nothing without the Spirit

- Matthew 3: 8-12. Baptized with the Spirit
- John 3: 3-8. Born again
- John 16: 12-15. The Spirit and the Word
- Romans 8: 11-16. Controlled by the Spirit

Day: 10 The Meaning Of Easter

1. What is the meaning of Easter?
2. What is the origin of Easter?
 - Exodus 12: 21-27
3. What is the symbolic meaning of the sacrificial "lamb?"
 - Mark 14: 1
 - John 1: 29
 - Revelations 5: 6-8
4. What is the meaning of?
 - The Easter bunny
 - Easter eggs
 - Hot cross buns
6. What can we do to make Easter more meaningful in:
 - Our church
 - At home
7. Think about changes the risen Easter "lamb" of God made in your life.
8. Pray for help to make sure you are in a meaningful relationship with God.
9. Further Reading:
 - Matthew 26: 17-19. Jesus celebrating the Passover
 - Hebrews 12: 10-16. Jesus fulfils the Old Testament
 - Exodus 12: 1-14. Establishing Easter
 - Exodus 13: 11-16. Do not forget about it
 - Matthew 26: 26-30. The Passover turn into Holy Communion

Day: 11 Leadership 1

1. Why is leadership so important to God?
 - 2 Timothy 2: 2
2. Why is unity amongst leaders so important?
 - John 17: 21-23
3. What is the secret of unity and growth according to 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9?
4. Think about an area where you are a leader.
5. Name the requirements a leader has to have.
 - 1 Corinthians 11: 1
6. What are the requirements according to?
 - 1 Timothy 3-1-13
 - 1 Timothy 4: 6-12
7. What can be done to ensure that the correct leaders are chosen in a congregations?
8. What should happen if a leader:
 - Fail in his example and witnessing?
 - Fail in his service or task?
9. Discuss the following: "A care groups spiritual depth are closely dependent on the depth or the leader of the care group"
10. What can a care group do to increase the depth of the "water" in it?
11. Further reading:
 - 2 Corinthians 8: 18-21. Praying in front of God and people
 - 1 Timothy 5: 5-10. Is your own home in order?
 - 2 Chronicles 30: 10-16. Unity accepts leadership
 - 1 Samuel 12: 1-4. Integrity
 - 2 Samuel 11: 1-5. Sexually trustable

Day: 12 Leadership 2

1. What is the most important characteristic that God expects from a leader
2. What does Malachi 1: 6 and 10-14 say about it?
3. How can a leader be certain that he is leading the group within God's will and vision?
4. What does the Bible say about it?
 - 1 Corinthians 11: 1
 - John 10: 4-5
 - Luke 22: 24-27
5. How can a group ensure that they have God's blessings that He meant for them and that they enjoy it all and do not miss out on any of it?
6. Does God think about leadership in terms of glory and a good standing in society?
 - Romans 12: 8
 - 1 Corinthians 12: 11-14
7. What does Hebrews 13: 7 and 17-18 teach us about the way we should treat our leaders?
8. Why do some people struggle with submitting to authority?
 - In marriage
 - In the family
 - In the church
 - At work
 - The government
9. Further Reading:
 - Proverbs 8: 15-21. God governs through people
 - Matthew 5: 14-16. Do not hide as leader
 - Luke 10: 16-20. Leadership authority
 - Exodus 18: 21-23. The structure of leadership
 - John 13: 4-17. A leader as a servant

Day: 13 Humbleness

1. What is the opposite of humbleness?
2. What is the definition Joel 2: 13 gives for humbleness?
3. Why is humbleness such an issue on the heart of God at the moment?
4. What are the sins that are working like yeast in us and should be purified out of our lives?
 - 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8
5. How can we help each other to get rid of sin?
 - Micah 3: 8
6. What are the steps we have to take from humbleness to blessing?
 - 2 Chronicles 7: 13-14
7. Further Reading:
 - 2 Corinthians 7: 8-11. Blessings coming from pain
 - Jeremiah 13: 15-17. A warning
 - Galatians 6: 7-10. Fruit of the flesh
 - James 4: 4-10. The world, the flesh and Satan
 - Isaiah 55: 3-7. Listen and you will live

Day: 14 A Pure Bride

1. Why does God ask us over and over again to speak about purity?
 - Luke 9: 23
 - John 13: 10
2. Are we, as a congregation and a care group pure bride who loves the bridegroom above all and is ready for His arrival above all?
 - Ephesians 5: 25-27
 - 2 Corinthians 11: 2
3. Are we outspoken enough about things that are wrong? Motivate with examples.
 - Amos 5: 15
4. What is the result of sin?
 - Isaiah 59: 1-2
 - Ephesians 4: 30
 - Hebrews 3: 15
 - Romans 6: 23
5. What does Psalm 51: 9-19 say about it?
6. Does a merciful God still punish sin in our day?
 - 1 John 1: 8-10
 - Luke 15: 13-20
7. What can one do to see sin in your life if you have become blind to it?
8. Pray a prayer for bigger growth and more holiness and allow the Holy Spirit to show you your sins.
 - Galatians 5: 16-21
 - Mark 7: 20-23
9. Further Reading:
 - Isaiah 59: 1-9. The darkness of sin
 - Hebrews 10: 22-25. A clear conscience
 - Hebrews 12: 1-3. Persevere in the fight against sin
 - 1 John 2: 15-17. The desires of the world
 - Revelations 2: 4-5. Do you really love God?

Day: 14 Idols

1. Give the definition of an idol.
2. Name all the modern idols that can be found amongst us today.
3. Discuss the following: "The biggest idol is the "me" in you."
 - Galatians 5: 16-18
4. Read 2 Corinthians 10: 4-6
 - Which strategy of Satan is being described here?
 - Why does Satan attack our thoughts? Proverbs 4: 23 and 2 Corinthians 4: 4
5. How did Satan use a pattern of thought or a lie perception (John 8: 44) use as a tool for getting a stronghold on?
 - The Corinthians: 2 Corinthians 10: 2
 - Paul: Acts 9: 2
 - Peter: Acts 10: 28 and 34-35
 - The congregation of Laodicea: Acts 3: 17-18
6. Describe how Satan binds people by the following thought patterns or set ways of thinking:
 - Religious acts can save a person (Matthew 7: 21 and Acts 6: 7)
 - Not everyone has to witness (Matthew 10: 33)
 - We (our denomination) have the only true church. (John 10: 16)
 - The gifts of the Spirit do not appear any more. (1 Corinthians 12: 1)
 - Everyone has to worship in a quiet and subdued way. (Psalm 134: 2 and Psalm 149: 3)
 - Certain sins are forgivable and sanctification is optional. (1 Peter 1: 15)
 - I'm inferior and cannot. (Philippians 4: 13)
7. Further Reading:

• Romans 12: 1-2.	Renewing thoughts
• Isaiah 44: 8-11.	No other God
• Acts 7: 38-43.	Judgment of idols
• Romans 1: 20-27.	The lie of idolatry
• Matthew 19: 21-24.	The idol Mammon!

Day: 15 God's Love

1. What does 1 John 3: 15-18 teach us about love?
2. Write down the instances where you experienced God's love (Ephesians 1: 3-7) and share it with others.
3. What can be considered love's enemies?
 - Philippians 2: 3-7
 - Ephesians 4: 31
 - Ephesians 5: 2
4. Discuss the following: "Love is a verb."
5. What can we do to make love gets its rightful place and make it more apparent at:
 - During the church service
 - In our marriage/relationships
 - In our family
 - In our care group
 - In our neighborhood
 - Towards the less fortunate
 - Towards our enemies
 - Towards the unsaved
6. Make a decision of how you are going to let love comes to its right during the coming week.
7. Further Reading:
 - John 21: 15-17. Do you really love?
 - Ephesians 4: 16-21. A prayer for love
 - 1 John 2: 7-11. Love versus hate
 - John 13: 34-38. A command for use in practice
 - 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7. Description of love

Day: 16 God Almighty

1. What does Psalm 146: 1-6 teach us about God?
2. What are the results of us believing that God is Almighty?
3. Focus on God with prayers of worship and praise.
4. For this whole week concentrate on prayer and intercession.
6. Further Reading:
 - Psalm 31: 1-24. Flee to God in prayer
 - Psalm 34: 1-22. Praise and worship
 - Psalm 86: 1-17. Pray for guidance
7. Recommended Reading:
 - The Sovereignty of God – A.W. Pink
 - Autobiography of God – Lloyd John Ogilvy

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