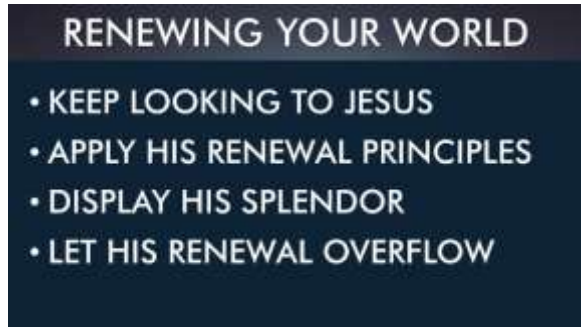


Renewal Part 10 – Renewing Your World

August 8, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Icebreaker question: Can you think of a movie where the remake or sequel was better than the original?
2. Can you think of any examples of God remaking something? How did His remake compare to the original?
3. In what ways has God been remaking you?
4. The sermon was based on Isaiah 61:1-4 (review the passage if you need to). Review the main points and ideas of the sermon. What stood out to you? Do you have any questions to bring up?
5. Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16
 - a) Why did Jesus come into the world?
 - b) Why did Paul think that he was the worst of sinners? (see 1 Tim. 1:13, Acts 8:3, and 1 Cor. 15:9)
 - c) Why was Paul shown mercy (according to 1 Tim. 1:13)?
 - d) For what greater purpose was Paul shown mercy (according to 1 Tim. 1:16)?
 - e) Why do you believe God showed you mercy? Do you think there is a greater purpose like there was for Paul?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 - a) What does it mean to be “in Christ”? (see Galatians 2:20)
 - b) How can a person know if they have become a “new creation”? What if old habits start showing up again?
 - c) What ministry do those who have been reconciled to God now have?
 - d) What should it look like to be Christ’s ambassador?
7. What brokenness do you see around you that needs God’s renewal? How might God want to use you?
8. Take some time to pray for the Holy Spirit’s empowering to be effective ambassadors for Christ. Pray for renewal in your world. And pray for any specific needs in your group.