



MADE FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONE WHO CHANGES THE DESIRES OF OUR HEARTS.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

"I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PUT A NEW SPIRIT WITHIN YOU; I WILL TAKE THE HEART OF STONE OUT OF YOUR FLESH AND GIVE YOU A HEART OF FLESH. I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU AND CAUSE YOU TO WALK IN MY STATUTES, AND YOU WILL KEEP MY JUDGMENTS AND DO THEM." Ezekiel 36:26-27

NEW DESIRES - NEW ALLEGIANCE

It's been debated for centuries; are we more nature or more nurture? Are our desires pre-wired or are we a tabula rasa? In other words, a blank slate, waiting for the culture's impression?

Honestly, I don't know the answer to that. But what I do know is that every Christian is a new creature in Christ Jesus. God has not only made us new, but He has given us a new nature with a set of new desires and a new allegiance. We are altogether made for a different world and it shows.

Our lives are no longer driven by a lust for the things of this world. Now we live to fulfill God's will in our lives. But not only that, we have loyalty, fidelity, and faith in the Father and the Son. Your life in heaven will center around the Father and the Son, and if it's going to be like that then, it should be like that now.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment to share a time when there was opposition to your faith. Pray for one another that God would give you strength to shine brightly for Jesus.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- **God changes the desires of our hearts. Take a minute to briefly share your testimonies. How you came to faith in Christ – and how God began His transforming work in you.**
- **Jesus said that we are to shine our lights so that people can see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven, meaning that as we live for God and His purposes, people will be drawn to God and will give Him glory. Talk about the specific ways this is happening in your life among unbelievers in your family, friends, in the workplace, online and beyond.**

"IF YOU FIND YOURSELF HAVING MORE IN COMMON WITH THE UNBELIEVER RATHER THAN THE BELIEVER YOU HAVE A PROBLEM." DEREK NEIDER

"THEREFORE WHOEVER CONFESSES ME BEFORE MEN, HIM I WILL ALSO CONFESS BEFORE MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. BUT WHOEVER DENIES ME BEFORE MEN, HIM I WILL ALSO DENY BEFORE MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN."

MATTHEW 10:32-33

- We live in a culture of growing hostility towards Christians and what we believe. But it's important for us to remember that God has called us to build bridges not walls. In other words, we are to live like Christ among the lost in such a way that people are drawn to Jesus not pushed away from Him. Identify one person in your life that has positioned themselves against the gospel. Have the group pray for that person's salvation. What can you do to be a better witness?

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN THEY REVILE AND PERSECUTE YOU, AND SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY FOR MY SAKE."

MATTHEW 5:11

- There are seasons of growth in a Christian's life. This is true because God is a God of process. He changes us from glory to glory, He is shaping us into the image of Jesus. Consider your own process of growth as a Christian. Briefly describe it and the current stage God has you in.



REACH 5 MIN.

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how can you apply what you've learned to grow as a witness for Christ. Prayerfully select on person in your life who isn't a Christian and invite them to church this week.

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Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God used you to bring light into someone's life.

