

Volunteer Sign Ups

As you pray about activating and engaging in the church as part of the body of Christ, consider signing up to serve as a volunteer! It is an honor and true blessing to serve others and be an active part of the mission of the church. We currently have many areas in need!



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RECAPTURING JESUS' VISION FOR HIS CHURCH

Week 10 | We Should Deconstruct to Reconstruct | Isaiah 43:18-19

EXAMINE THE CHURCH BASED ON WHAT JESUS ESTABLISHED AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES IN ORDER TO BE FULLY PLEASING TO HIM IN EVERY WAY

One of the trendiest terms in pop Christian culture today is deconstruction. Actually, it is a good term that has been hijacked and used in a pejorative way. In today's context it typically refers to someone who has undergone a systematic evaluation and dismantling of their Christian beliefs. Countless Christian celebrities have deconstructed in this way, leaving them with a belief system that is biblically unrecognizable or leading them to abandon the faith entirely. But I suggest there is a good type of deconstruction. In Isaiah 43:18-19, God makes a promise to Israel, that a miraculous new thing was coming. But this spiritual reconstruction came with a call for them to deconstruct from the methods of the past. Space had to be made. Hearts had to be ready to receive. The old way of doing things couldn't handle the new thing that God had in store for them. This process of deconstructing and reconstructing, for both the church and the individual, should come as naturally as breathing air in and out; as consistently as the tide ebbing and flowing. Change is essential if we are going to grow and move forward with God. Perhaps the only thing that has been holding God back from doing that special work in you has been your unwillingness to change.

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.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to reflect and pray over this weekend's message. Ask God to reveal to you any stubborn unwillingness to change and confess it to Him.



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.

1. Based on the study, what are some of the hang-ups you have that have make you resistant to good change. Think this through carefully.

Do you think you have missed out on good things God has desired to do because you said "no" to Him instead of "yes?" Write down some examples.

The box that you put Jesus in will become the very thing that keeps you from the new outpouring of His Spirit He desires to bring.

2. It is always important for us to ask, "What am I doing this for and why am I doing it like this?"

Apply that question to your life in your relationship with God, your relationships with others, and in your experience with the church. Have you become robotic in your worship of God or in your most meaningful relationships?

Asking the right questions signifies an honest reappraisal, critically evaluating the various elements of your faith rather than settling for an unreflective approach to God.

3. Pastor Derek mentioned that Jesus didn't die to make your life safe, He died to make your life saved. What do you think He meant? Is living as a true disciple a safe thing? What did that look like for the early church? How should that look for us?

If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 16:24-25



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

John 6:68-69

But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, make a good change in your life based on God's word and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Be bold in this step and expect God to do good things.

We will be waiting with anticipation how God answered your bold step of faith.