



April 21, 2024
IT'S ALL NEW
Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

We can't get in a right standing with God by our works. It only comes through God's grace. Grace brings three things into our lives: a new position, a new identity, and a new process. Our new position comes from our old self dying to our new position in Jesus Christ. Our new identity comes from becoming a child of God and Him seeing us through the sacrifice of Jesus. Our new process replaces our old ways with walking by a growing faith.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Galatians 2:11; 14-21
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- John 1:12

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What is meant by "the old me is dead?"
- What limits do you put on yourself because of your past sins? Where would you be if you allowed yourself to experience the grace of God?
- Who does God say you are? Why is it sometimes hard to believe it?
- What are the benefits of your new identity as a child of God?
- How can we learn to live life clothed in our new identity?
- What area of your life is a besetting sin that can cause you to pull away from God?
- What is your process when you sin? Why?
- How can I love those who've hurt me?
- What role does a growing faith play in the new process as you encounter temptations and difficulties?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Have each participant identify what they believe is their besetting sin. Then ask them to commit to the steps they will take to respond the next time they are tempted. The steps should reflect their new position, identity, and process.

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- Describe your life before becoming a follower of Jesus. Then describe your life since that time. Now research scripture on how God sees you through Jesus (e.g., 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 8:1, 1 Peter 1:3-4, Matthew 10: 29-31, John 1:12-13, Genesis 1:27, and Ephesians 2:10). How different is your new life from your old life? How does God's view of you change your desire to follow your new process and grow your faith?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Ask God to bring the right process to mind when encountering a situation that may cause us to fall back into the ways of our old selves.

LEADER TIPS

- Play music in the background while people are showing up for your group gathering. Lifepoint worship music is a great option and can be found anywhere music is streamed.