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"Re-Start"

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

45% of Americans will make a New Years resolution, however up to 95% of those will not last through the month of January. How can we walk in lasting change?

[Revelation 21:5]

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

[Haggai 1:5-6]

This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! 6 You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your

wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!

[Haggai 1:7]

“This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Look at what’s happening to you!

[Haggai 1:8]

Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord.

[Haggai 1:12-13]

Then ...the whole remnant of God’s people began to obey the message from the Lord their God.

Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave the people this message from the Lord: “I am with you, says the Lord!”

1. Pray First = prioritize your time (Mathew 6:33)

2. Give first = release God’s blessing on our finances

[Proverbs 3:9]

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

3. Serve first = position your life for advancement

[Haggai 2:19]

I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. But from this day onward I will bless you."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Did you make a New Years resolution this year? Spend some time sharing your resolutions with each other.**
2. **In the past, how well have you done following through with your resolutions? How will you position yourself this year to set yourself up for success in the implementation of this resolution?**
3. **Is your resolution in alignment with God's purposes and direction for your life?**
4. **God is clear about the "first" being set apart for Him. When it comes to Prayer, Giving or Serving what can we do to "re-solve" to be good stewards of these things?**
5. **Are you Serving at the weekend services? Which team (ushers, greeters, parking lot, kids ministry, media etc.) can you commit to joining and growing in His direction for your life. Is there a team your small group can join together and serve and grow together?**
6. **Gods blessing is for you now, not tomorrow, not after the promotion, not when you find Mr or Mrs wonderful, but right now. Spend some time together talking about the obvious**

blessings of God on your lives. Don't casually pass over this, dig deep and declare what you know is Gods hand on your live. Let the excitement build and rejoice together in Gods wonderful blessings!