

ReNew BeNew

WEEK #1: START FRESH

INTRODUCTION

We're starting a new year, but maybe you still feel like the old you. Maybe bad habits, unconquered challenges, and routines you've let slip hold you back. But today is a new day, a new beginning. Those things don't have to define your life anymore. You can hold onto something bigger, something more powerful than your own abilities and potential. You can have a fresh start. Because when God renews, you can be new.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think about new years resolutions and goals? Do you have any for 2023?
2. Pastor Mark said, *"God is all about new beginnings."* How do you feel about that statement as you begin this new year?
3. Vance Havner said, *"God's promises are not mottos to hang on the wall, they're checks to be cashed."* Read the Scriptures from the message below: What are some of the promises from God's word that we can claim? Which promises of God do you need to begin claiming in your life in 2023?
4. Pastor Mark talked about identifying trash in your life to bag it up and take it to the curb. Trash is things that: were once good but not longer good (like a relationship that has turned toxic, etc.), things that have never been good for you (addictions, bad habits, etc.), and clutter (things that waste your time, money, and potential). Can you think of trash in your life you need to bag up and take out in 2023? If so, what is it (if you care to share), and how can your group members help you take steps in the right direction?
5. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

SCRIPTURE & QUOTES

Romans 6:4 / Deuteronomy 29:5 / Revelation 21:5 / John 4:14, 8:44 / 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:16-17 / Lamentations 3:22-23 / Matthew 19:26 / Philippians 4:13 / Psalm 51:10, 94:19, 103:5, 119:114 / Isaiah 40:31, 57:15 / Habakkuk 3:2 / Ephesians 4:22-24 / Colossians 3:10 / Nehemiah 4:10 / James 1:21.

"The best the world can offer is refurbished or reconditioned. But God exists outside of time and space. He wants us to live every day in newness!"

"With God in 2023, anything is possible."