

Discussion Guide

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The Reset: Yield Week 2 It's a New Me

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Main Idea

Today Pastor Brandon continued speaking to us about yielding and making sure we have a strong foundation in order to have an amazing year. The old you has got to go, and you need to take on a new life.

Anchor Verse: Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. (Ephesians 3:17, NLT)

Read: Ephesians 4:20-24

Let Him In

There's a difference between being a fan of Jesus and being a follower of Jesus.

What does it look like to have passion on Sunday that matches our lifestyle Monday through Saturday?

Read Ezekiel 36:26; Matthew 7:16-20

Let Him Work

Just because I Let Jesus into my Heart doesn't mean I'm good and I'm done. There's some work He needs to do in my life. God is not done with me yet.

What are the things that God is trying to work in you? What are the things that you need to break free from? (Remember the rope around the elephant's foot.)

Read: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 1 John 3:8

There's Always Room

Jesus has always had and always will have room for me. Regardless of my mistakes, and regardless of my hang-ups. He is the God of Second chances. He has room for you!

What next step do you need to take? How can you make more room for Jesus? Read: John 14:1; 1 Samuel 2:8

SUMMARY

We actually think that if we don't shove our stuff and problems into every corner, closet, and cabinet of our hearts, then Jesus may not love us. But God loves us anyway. In fact, he wants to make a home in our hearts if we will let him. It's a new year and he wants the best for us. We simply need to let him in and let him work.

CALL TO ACTION

- 1. What are some areas of your life that you have left on autopilot? Examine your life and determine if there are still strongholds that you need to break free from.
- Who has God placed in your life that you can build a Godly authentic relationship with? Consider taking that step by <u>LEADING</u> or <u>JOINING</u> a Connect Group so that you can build authentic relationships and grow your spiritual life.
- 3. Join us for prayer on Saturday morning at 9:30 AM.
- 4. Mark your calendar for our Night of Worship on January 28, 2024, 5 PM, at the West Houston Campus (Houston Christian High School).

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Word of the Year

Moving into a new year brings with it so much energy and opportunity. Many find this time optimal for refocusing, planning, and organizing thoughts for the coming year. A great way to do this is to choose a Word of the Year.

Take a moment to pray and maybe even offer a handout with a list of potential words your participants can consider. (Pintrest and other websites have plenty of options.) Once you choose your word, use these questions to prompt internalize and move you to action.

What does my word mean to me?
What is a scripture that speaks to me concerning your word?
In what way(s) does my word challenge me?
What does my word remind me to do?
How does your word speak to your core values?