

21st CENTURY CHURCH

WEEK 2: Something Old, Something New

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP: To give everyone in the group the opportunity to find authentic community and spiritual growth. A group is where you are known and you grow.

YOUR PERSONAL ROLE: Watch or listen to the message. Show up in group. Be real. (Life is better connected)

INTRODUCTION:

The Lord's house. Pastors are holy. An old book of rules. Anytime we allow the old ways of church to show up in new ways of church, the old always wins. And love takes a back seat.

📺 WATCH THE MESSAGE VIDEO ON THE ROCKPOINTE APP OR WEBSITE OR WALK THROUGH THE POINTS OF THE MESSAGE IN THE NOTES SECTION.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

1. Has your experience with church up until now been focused on rules or freedom? How has that focus influenced the way you view God?
2. Have you ever met a person who seemed completely free in his or her relationship with Jesus? If so, what did that person's relationships with other people look like?
3. **Read Galatians 5:1-4.** Do you every find yourself trying to be right with God through rules (the law) instead of through Jesus? Why is it so tempting to try to earn God's approval by following rules?
4. **Read Galatians 5:14.** Talk about the relationship between love and God's law. How do you think love provides more freedom to individuals yet still completes the law?
5. What is one thing you can do this week to simply love God and receive his mercy and grace instead of trying to earn his approval?
6. Who is one person you need to do a better job of loving? What is one thing you can do this week to love that person? What can this group do to support you?

We're all tempted to connect with God based on the old temple ways. It seems easier, more clearly defined. But Jesus gave us a better way—a way characterized by love. If we drag even a bit of the old into the new, the old will win and we'll have holy places, ruled by religious men who interpret sacred word while trying to control superstitious people. But we won't have love.

KEY VERSE OF THE WEEK: **Galatians 5:1**

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

HOW CAN THIS GROUP PRAY FOR YOU THIS WEEK?

ASK SOMEONE TO PRAY TO END THE GROUP TIME.