



GROUP DISCUSSION NOTES WEEK 1: IT'S NEW NOT JUST IMPROVED

INTRODUCTION

The implication of the 'new' that Jesus announced is that we don't need to fix Adam – we get to live the life Jesus obtained for us!.

He did not speak as much about heaven ('one day') as he spoke of the kingdom of heaven, right here on planet earth.

Jesus introduced God's love on the cross and transferred this love to us.

START THE CONVERSATION

Q.: Do you like to receive or buy **new** things (e.g., a gift, new car, new shoes)? What is it about something new that **excites** us?

Q.: Have you ever tried to patch up something **old** that you knew had been past its "expiry date" and then made things worse by trying to salvage it? Share some stories.

GOING DEEPER

READ REVELATION 21: 5 (ESV)

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Q.: What picture do you have of the kingdom of God: already here to a great extent or barely visible only to be revealed when Jesus returns?

Discuss your answer.

Q.: In our group video we heard these amazing words:

*"The cross was successful, and Jesus not only told us that God is love; he also introduced us to the thought that we **are** love."*

If we were to practically live out this truth, what would it look like in our everyday life?

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask the Lord to make the truth of his love embodied in us a daily reality to us.