



# Lead with Renewal

## SMALL GROUP STUDY

### STUDY 1:

## God's Vision for Renewal

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **Isaiah 43:18–21;**  
**Revelation 21:1–5; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

As Covenant people, we are part of a movement that seeks God's renewal—not just within ourselves but across our churches and communities. God promises to do something new, restoring what is broken and making all things new in Christ. Renewal begins with recognizing the past yet trusting God's "new thing" in our lives, congregations, and neighborhoods.

*Renewal is God's work, promised from the beginning and fulfilled in Christ.*

### OPENING QUESTION

Where have you experienced God's renewal in your life, church, or across the Covenant family?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What do these passages reveal about God's heart for renewal?
- 2) Why do you think it is difficult to "forget the former things" (ISAIAH 43:18)?
- 3) Where do you see signs of God's renewal today in your own life, congregation, or the wider Covenant community?

### THIS WEEK

Identify one area where you see God inviting renewal. What is one step you can take toward that renewal—whether through prayer, conversation, service, or letting go of a past hurt? Share your intention with someone in your group.

**Prayer:** Lord, open my eyes to the new thing you are doing in me, my church, and our community.

### STUDY 2:

## Servant Leaders in Scripture and Today

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **Exodus 3:7–12;**  
**Nehemiah 2:11–18; 1 Timothy 3:1–7**

In the Covenant tradition, leadership is about equipping others to participate in God's renewal. Leaders listen, obey, and serve with humility, trusting God to work through them. Often God uses ordinary people who step out in faith to bring extraordinary change. God raises up leaders who listen and serve his people with courage and humility.

### OPENING QUESTION

Who is a leader (in the Bible or today) who has shaped your faith or inspired renewal?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What qualities made Moses and Nehemiah effective leaders in seasons of renewal?
- 2) How do Paul's instructions in 1 Timothy challenge our modern expectations of leaders?
- 3) Where is God calling you to exercise influence in your family, church, or neighborhood?

### THIS WEEK

- Identify one area where you can encourage, equip, or guide someone in your sphere of influence to participate in renewal.
- Choose one action this week that could spark renewal. Suggestions: lead a prayer moment, mentor a newer believer, or encourage a ministry initiative. Take a step to participate in God's vision for renewal in your church or community.

### STUDY 3

## Vibrant Churches as Kingdom Outposts

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **Acts 2:42–47;**

**Matthew 5:13–16; 1 Peter 2:9–12**

Vibrant Covenant churches reflect Christ's kingdom through worship, service, and faithful presence in the world. The early church thrived because believers were devoted to teaching, fellowship, and mission. Today our congregations shine as “kingdom outposts” when we embody Christ's love, disciple others, and engage our neighborhoods in meaningful ways.

The church is called to be a living sign of God's kingdom, worshiping, serving, and shining the light of Christ in the world.

### OPENING QUESTION

When have you seen a church community truly reflect Christ's love and kingdom values?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What practices made the early church vibrant in Acts 2?
- 2) How can we live as salt and light in our neighborhoods as a Covenant congregation?
- 3) In what ways might our church be a kingdom outpost where people experience God's love in action?

### THIS WEEK

- Identify one practical way to serve your community this month as a visible expression of God's renewal.
- Commit to one congregational or community action that demonstrates God's kingdom values. Suggestions: invite a neighbor to church, volunteer in a local outreach, or organize a small group project that reflects renewal in action.

### STUDY 4

## Disciples Who Multiply Disciples

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **Matthew 28:18–20;**

**2 Timothy 2:1–2; John 15:4–8**

Discipleship is about transformation and multiplication. Jesus calls us to abide in him, bear fruit, and invest in others' spiritual growth. Every believer is part of God's renewal mission, walking with others to teach, encourage, and release them to disciple yet more people. Multiplying disciples strengthens the church and advances God's kingdom in the world.

True discipleship leads to multiplication as believers abide in Christ and share his life with others.

### OPENING QUESTION

Who helped you grow as a disciple of Jesus?  
How did they guide, teach, or walk alongside you?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What does it mean to abide in Christ (JOHN 15)?  
How does that fuel disciple-making?
- 2) How do we see multiplication at work in Paul's instructions to Timothy (2 TIMOTHY 2:1–2)?
- 3) How does being part of a Covenant community strengthen your ability to make disciples?
- 4) What step can you take to intentionally invest in someone else's walk with Christ?

### THIS WEEK

- Ask God to show you one person in your life whom you can encourage or disciple. Reach out to them this week with intentionality, modeling Christ's love and faithfulness.
- Take one concrete step toward disciple-making this week to mentor, pray with, or teach someone in their faith journey. By investing intentionally in others, you join God's work of renewal and multiplication in the church and community.



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