

AIM Spring Meet Up, Search And Rescue, Week 3 Discussion Guide - Reorientation and Restoration

Introduce yourselves. Share a high or low from the week.
Open the group in prayer.

1. Week 2 was about getting reoriented to true Life through faith in Christ.
 - 1.a. How was your life reoriented by Jesus? What changed about your life?

Read [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) (NirV) *When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!*

- 1.b. Describe some recent choices that you would say are brand new?
- 1.c. In what ways is the “old you,” AKA your false self, is still hanging around?

2. Restoration helps us see the value of something and the commitment of the one who is restoring it to its original condition (or better!)

- 2.a. Tell us about a restoration project you’ve done (car, furniture, yard, home).

Read **Ephesians 1:7-10** (The Message) *Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we’re a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him...*

- 2.b. What are some ways you have been (or would like to be) “in on the plans” that God has to restore your character and make you more like Christ? Where can you join Him in the work He is doing to restore and reconcile your relationships?

3. Read this story: A young boy was watching a great sculptor at work. Seeing the big, rough stone in front of the artist, the boy asked him what he was making. “I am sculpting a magnificent lion.” The boy responded, “It doesn’t really look like a lion. How are you going to make that rock into a lion?” The sculptor paused, and then said, “I’m going to chip away everything that isn’t the lion.”

- 3.a. What are some specific chips that the Holy Spirit been removing from you?

Read [John 17:20-26](#), Jesus’s prayer for all believers before he died on the cross. In verse 26, Jesus prayed, *“I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”*

- 3.b. How can God’s love for Jesus (“the love you have for me”) be in us?
- 3.c. How do we, as men who are believers, demonstrate that Jesus is in us?

Close your time together by sharing needs and praying about application plans.