

## NEW BEGINNINGS

# LESSON 2: ON WITH THE NEW

### MEMORY WORK

**“Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desire... put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”**

**Ephesians 4:22 & 24 NIV**

### SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION

#### Introduction:

If you had a chance to get rid of dirt under your fingernails that most people don't really notice, would you? Most of you would probably said yes. Of course, we all would want to be clean and have a chance to get rid of the dirt. God gives us that chance. We all have sin in our lives, bad thoughts, and ungodly habits or ways that probably need to be removed and tossed out. Yet, the coolest part is not that we get to get rid of the old, but God wants us to replace it with the new. He wants us to clothe ourselves in true righteousness and holiness to be more like Him.

#### Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-22

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Scripture says that the new has come but only when what happens? (*We are in Christ. You must be saved and have a relationship with Jesus for Him to make you a new creation.*)
2. If the new has come, what is gone? (*The old.*)
3. Let's read verse 18-19 again. In your own words what does it mean that God reconciled us to Himself? (*Allow for responses. Example: Restoring our relationship with God back to how He intended it to be before sin. Take care of any sin in our hearts and mind so we can be one with God and live in harmony with Him.*)
4. God calls us ambassadors. That means He wants us to promote or represent Him on this earth which is why we need to get rid of the old and put on the new to be more like Him. How does that make you feel? (*Allow children to respond.*)
5. Who is the only person who never sinned? (*Jesus.*)
6. God's hope is that we would become what? (*That in Him and through Him we might become the righteousness of God.*)
7. Do you think all that can take place if we leave on our old self, old ways, old thoughts, and old habits? (*Allow for responses. We must get rid of the old to make room for the new, so the image of God can shine through us for the world to see.*)

#### APPLICATION

What is one thing you remember from today's lesson? (Allow for responses.) My hope is that each one of you will walk away feeling a little more like God and less like your old self. Only you are responsible for getting rid of your old bad habits, sinful ways, evil thoughts, etc. No one else can decide to get rid of them but you. You must ask the Holy Spirit to help you get rid of your old ways and put on the new creation. Let's take a minute to really focus on what needs to go and get tossed out of their life. (Take a minute of silence.) Now, that God has shown you what needs to go and wants to fill in those spaces with Godly things. Some examples include: Someone might repent of lying and God might replace it with truth. Someone might repent of stealing and God might replace it with faithfulness or righteousness. Someone else may repent of watching or listening to inappropriate things and God might replace it with time in the Word or worship music.

#### NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to continue learning about God's willingness to give us new beginnings.

