



## LEADERS GUIDE

For the week of September 17, 2023

Series: What Moves Us - New Life

*This guide is designed to give you helpful hints in preparing & leading your group in discussion.*

### LEADERS NOTES

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thursday Night Service** - Starting October 5, 2023 at 6pm

#### LEADER INFO

- Remember to take attendance

#### WATCH / LISTEN

You might want to watch or listen to the message together.

Visit [np.church/media](https://np.church/media) to watch on YouTube or [np.church/groups](https://np.church/groups) and click on Host tools to listen.

#### QUICK REVIEW

This week Pastor Michael continued in the second week of our Series “What Moves Us” talking about New Life. He shared that often people will look for life in people, places or things but the reality is New Life can only be found in Jesus Christ, but you can’t truly experience this life unless you understand your need for New Life. He outlined that in order to receive the New Life that only comes through Jesus we must:

1. **Believe** that we are loved and accepted by God.
2. **Admit** and acknowledge our sin and brokenness.
3. **Commit** the rest of our life to Jesus.

## MY STORY

*These stories can be eye opening as we get to know one another better. Feel free to explore through discussion some of the stories and comments that come up through the questions.*

Pastor Michael challenged to learn to share our stories of New Life. If you have found new life in Jesus, what is your story, or testimony of coming to faith? If you are not a Christian, share a little bit of your life story.

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is something that stood out to you about this weeks message?

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2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. The promise that God will make you new is for anyone that is in Christ, no matter who you are, where you are from, or what you have done, through Christ the old has gone and the new has come. How does that promise make you feel? Why is this promise so important?

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3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. What has God done for us through Jesus Christ? What does reconciliation mean? Why did we need to be reconciled to God?

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4. The promise of making us new comes with a new name. Read 1 Peter 2:9, Galatians 4:7, and John 15:15. What do these verses call those connected to Christ? What comes to your mind when you hear these new names?

- 1 Peter 2:9 - Chosen People, Royal priesthood, Holy Nation, A People Belonging to God
- Galatians 4:7 - Child of God, a son, a daughter, an Heir to the throne
- John 15:15 - Friends
- These names will elicit all kinds of pictures and connections, keep your group focused on the positive images and thoughts.

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7. We also heard that a new name comes with new privileges. Take turns in your group and read the following Scriptures: Romans 8:1, Romans 6:6, Philippians 4:19, Philippians 4:6-7, Romans 8:28, Hebrews 4:16, and 1 John 5:4. What new privileges do these verses say we have? Which privilege resonates with you and why?

- No condemnation - Romans 8:1
- Freedom from sin - Romans 6:6
- Provision, meet your needs - Philippians 4:19
- Peace of God - Philippians 4:6-7
- Hope - Romans 8:28
- Access to God - Hebrews 4:16
- Victory over the world - 1 John 5:4

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## TAKING IT HOME

1. Have you accepted the New Life offered through Jesus Christ? If not, you can accept this New Life now by **Believing** that you are loved and accepted by God, **Admit** and acknowledge that you are not perfect but have sinned and are in need to a saviour and God's forgiveness and **Commit** the rest of our life to Jesus. You can pray a simple prayer like this:

*Dear God, I believe that you love me so much that you sent your son Jesus to die for me and take the punishment for my sins and all that I have done wrong. I know I am not perfect that that's why I need you. I pray that you would forgive me and that you could come into my life and give me the New Life that only you can bring. I commit my whole life to you. Thank you.*

*In Jesus name, Amen*

2. What new life has God brought into your life over the past year?

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3. What areas of your life so you need to release to God to make New?

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4. What signs of new life to come do you see in your life right now?

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Additional thought: Sometimes groups want to jump in too deep too quickly, without the time required to sustain that bearing with one another. While this is absolutely something we want to see happen within our groups, and something we should be praying for as a leader, don't be discouraged as these relationships can take time. Keep creating a safe and welcoming place where everyone can share around God's Word and trust that the Holy Spirit will accomplish what He wants in His time as you follow His leading.*