The New Normal… Walking in the Presence and Power of Jesus

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Small Group Study Questions for the week of Nov 29- Dec 5

GETTING STARTED

When you hear messages about the life of faith that are intended to inspire us to new heights and new levels of joy and impact, do you tend to readily embrace them or do you turn the volume down in order to protect yourself and avoid feeling that you won't be able to measure up?

DIGGING DEEP

1. Developing new habits, or daily rituals always involves extra attention and energy. For something to move from an occasional practice to a regular habit involves repetitive work. What can we learn from the apostle Paul in Romans 13:11–14, about a new habit of clothing ourselves with Christ?

2. When you think about Paul's phrase, "wake up from your slumber," what tends to be the kind of slumber that you can slip into in your faith life? Maybe an area that keeps you from being more consciously active in?

3. In Colossians 3:12–14, what can we glean from Paul's insights on clothing accessories? How can these relate to our clothing ourselves with Christ?

4. According to 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, we see three admonitions that are considered God's will for all of our lives. What are they in? Which of these three are the most difficult for you?

5. When you think about the idea of praying without ceasing, or praying continually, it almost seems impossible. We are always distracted with things that are right in front of us. What has helped you, or others you know to be able to do this more often? What helps you to reset when you've been distracted from this?

6. Philippians 4:6–7 is a common verse to many of us, but how would you explain the benefits of this to an eight-year-old?

7. According to 2 Peter 1:3, how has this verse encouraged you to overcome obstacles in your life?

8. Can you think of an example where you started out in human strength, but then moved to relying more upon the Lord and his divine power?

9. What do you feel keeps people from embracing the promise of receiving power in Acts 1:8 and Ephesians 6:10 for them personally?

A MATTER OF PRAYER

Take time in your group to pray for one another, that the Lord would help us to walk in the presence and power of Jesus every day.