

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-3
Topic: Purpose. Calling.
Study: First Corinthians
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Plugged In

Rethinking God's New Plan for My New Life



1. We Used to _____ ;

The New Plan  _____ (v.2)

1 Cor. 12:1-3

¹ Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

³ Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

2. We Used to _____ ;

The New Plan  _____ (v.3)

3. We Used to _____ ;

The New Plan  _____ (v.1)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read Ecclesiastes 2:11. While it's hard for most of us to slow down long enough to think these kinds of thoughts with Solomon, it would certainly be life-changing if we did. At your philosophical best, describe your life were it to be lived apart from God.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:15. What can you do to thoughtfully maintain this focus in your daily life?

2. Describe a situation when you were unjustifiably ignored, disdained or overlooked. What was your emotional reaction?

Read Revelation 5:6-14. How does this "worthy" adulation rebuke our attitudes toward Christ?

3. Write out a prayer that expresses your commitment to be attuned to the way that God's Spirit would want to use you to honor Christ and serve his people.

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ex.15-16 & Mk.4

Monday

Ex.17-18 & Mk.5

Tuesday

Ex.19-20 & Mk.6

Wednesday

Ex.21-22 & Mk.7

Thursday

Ex.23-24 & Mk.8

Friday

Ex.25-26 & Mk.9

Saturday

Ex.27-28 & Mk.10

Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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