

Home Group study: week beginning 3rd January 2021

A New Dawn

2020 has probably been the worst year any of us in a postwar generation have experienced.

What are your hopes for 2021? What part of your character would you like Jesus to make new for you in this new year?

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

Discovery

Who does God promise to make into a new creation? The verse tells us 'the old has gone'.

What would say are some of the old things that have gone?

What are characteristics the 'new' that the verse tells us 'is here'?

Read Luke 19: 1-10

When Christ makes us into a New Creation he transforms, makes new, our:

- Character
- Purpose
- Destiny
- Hope
- Values

Take these one at a time. How does Jesus make new each of these in the conversion of Zacchaeus?

Application

'If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come'. This is clearly demonstrated in the life of Zacchaeus. Can the Spirit of God transform our Character, Purpose, Destiny, Hope and Values in the same way?

Does Jesus only transform new believers? Or can the same be applied to long-established Christians?

Spend some time discussing the ways members of the group want to see a new dawn in their lives in 2021. Pray for each other to be transformed. If appropriate perhaps members of the group could commit to praying for another member (or maybe couples could commit to pray for each other) throughout the year.