



Beyond Sunday Sermon Bible Study Series

Engage

Share about a time in your life when you've hoped God would change everything and make it better. What did you learn in this time?

The Israelites reached a low point in their history in the Exile. Once living under the glory of God, now their whole lives were covered by a dark cloud of despair.

Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon

Learn

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

- 1. Here Jeremiah talks about a "new covenant." What does verse 32 have to say about the "old" covenant?*
- 2. Why do you think that Israel's inability to follow the previous covenant "to be God's people" required God to make a new covenant?*
- 3. What does this new covenant promise in verse 33?*
- 4. Read Ezekiel 36:26-28. How does this relate to the new covenant in Jeremiah 31.*
- 5. What does Hebrews 9:13-15 have to say about Jesus' place within the new covenant?*

Deepen

God promises to give us hearts that are actually able to follow him and live the life we were made for. This process depends on having God's Spirit in us. Discuss your own personal experience of being filled with God's Spirit. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? What does it look like?

Read Galatians 5:16-18. How do you understand the tension between being people of the Spirit and people of the flesh? As people who have the Spirit, why do you think we aren't totally healed from sin?

Live

Take time to quietly reflect on Psalm 139:23-24. Write out the things that God is revealing about your own heart. You will not need to share these with the group, but you will be invited to.

Close your time in prayer. Pray in freedom knowing that God is giving you his Holy Spirit to make you new. I suggest you begin by praying words of confession, then end asking for specific things that you need in your life so you might follow God with your whole heart.