

# WEEK TEN: NEW NORMALS

After nine weeks of journeying together, let's consider how we can continue to be on mission together for the rest of our lives. There does not have to be a gap between what we read in the Bible and how we live today. The Holy Spirit can empower us to be faithful to Jesus every day. Abiding with Jesus includes receiving more of the Holy Spirit, more of God's Word, more of His wisdom, more encouragement, more conviction, more direction, more provision, more discipline, more love, more protection, more healing, and more power. Receiving is a vital and often overlooked aspect of following Jesus daily. Relationship and receiving precede doing.

## ● OPENING QUESTION

**How has God surprised you and answered your prayers during this Every Group experience?**

## ● READ

Matthew 10:1-16

Jesus calls ordinary people to follow Him and creates new normals. The Holy Spirit leads us from isolated to united, apathy to passion, stuck to next steps, fearful to bold, lies to truth, shame to grace, selfish to serving, silent to sharing, institutions to a movement, and self-centered to the nations. God ignites a flame in us that starts with awe, includes longings that there must be more, repentance with a new start, empowering because we are not alone, love that restores relationships, and an abundant life that far exceeds anything we could manufacture. It is all about Jesus.

## ● REFLECT

Matthew 10:1-16

**WHO IS GOD?**

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**WHAT HAS GOD DONE?**

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**WHO ARE WE?**

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**HOW DO WE LIVE?**

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## ● REPENT

In shifting from the darkness to the light, your walk with God needs to be visible and vulnerable. The only way to continue to walk in the light is by doing it God's way. Most of life boils down to choosing to do it your way or trust Jesus. The core of all repentance is returning to and honoring Jesus. This includes our daily attention, affection, and devotion. Reject isolation. Make a commitment today that you will embrace accountability. Stay connected to a group of people who are following Jesus together and hold each other accountable with transparency and love. Choose friendships with people who bring out the best in you spiritually moving forward.

## ● RESPOND

**MIND: How is God renewing your mind and leading you out of the world's patterns? (Romans 12:1-2)**

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**HEART: What are some of the new normals that God is establishing in your life? (Matthew 9:16-17)**

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**HANDS: Challenge some people to form a group and go through the 10-week Every Group experience, and consider leading them or participating with them.**

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## ● PRAYER

Continue to pray daily for all Jesus has offered to you as you follow Him together. (Mark 11:22-24)