

# THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, February 20, 2022

## Message Summary:

Continuing his message from last week, Pastor Lee Wilson taught about how to leave the “old me” behind and how to be renewed to live out of the “new me.” In the Old Testament Hebrew, the word “renew” means to strike through and to replace. We can all think of something in our life that we need to strike through and replace with something else. What this means is that we cannot hold onto both the “old me” and the “new me,” and expect to be renewed. We have to let go of the old, so we can embrace the new. It begins with a choice to live as the righteousness of God. Righteous means to be in a right place with God, or to be able to stand in God’s presence and in His power without any guilt or shame. If you want to experience change, you have to make the choices and changes to live your life in righteousness. When you receive Jesus, you receive a new identity. Righteousness is not day by day, situation by situation. It is a lifestyle. It is **WHO YOU ARE** now. You are righteous! The new you is right with God, and the old you has no right to live alongside the new you. There is no place in your new righteous identity for the things you struggled with in the old you. Walking in the new you (righteousness of God) gives you the ability to rule in life, to be spiritually mature and to conquer the sinful nature of the old you. And if you are in Christ, you are forever righteous and accepted by God. It can never be taken from you, no matter what! It renews you every single day, from the inside out.

## Key Scriptures:

- [2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- [2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV] For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- [Colossians 3:1-3 NLT] 1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What does “righteousness” mean to you?
2. How are you made righteous?
3. How does choosing to walk in the new you (righteousness of God) change your life?

## Life Application:

This week as you study the key scriptures, consider what Pastor Lee said, “We all have some things we need to strike through and replace, so that we can really start living out of the new us who is righteous!” What do you need to strike through and replace? What do you need to throw away so it no longer trips you up? Your identity is no longer the identity of your past. It is time to get rid of those things that keep trying to pull you back into the old. **You are new!** This week, ask the Lord to help you strike through the old things in your life. Write them down on a piece of paper, and with a black sharpie, cross those things out, one by one. And next to them, write out the new thing you want to replace them with in your life. Thank God for the new thing he wants to do in your life. This is your moment to let go, and let God do a new thing in you!