

Sermon Discussion Questions

8th Day People: The New Self – Matt Slocum

7 January 2024

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:22-24

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week Matt begins a new sermon series called **8th Day People**. The title of the sermon this week is **The New Self**. In this message Matt explores what it means to not just be created in the image of God but rather to put on the new self that is made in the likeness of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. What are you most excited about in this new series on being “8th day people”?
2. What stuck out to you most in this sermon?
3. Discuss the concept of “Self” defined as our: experiences, background, memories, projects, plans, likes, dislikes, make-up, life narrative, and all the processes holding these things together. What does it mean that our “self” is now identified with Christ as 8th day people?
4. The word Jesus uses to describe being born again is *anóthen*. It means to be born again, or from above. What does it mean to be given a new start, and a new source of life?

APPLICATION

Take a few moments this week and think about if you are still trying to fix “yourself” (become a better, fixed-up version of yourself) or if you have put on the “new” self. How hard it is to put off the old self?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Did you make any New Year’s resolutions? What are they?
2. What is one thing you are looking forward to in 2024?
3. Are your Christmas decorations still up? When do they come down?

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Baptisms, 28 Jan at 9:00 and 11:00 am, Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.
Baptism class is on 21 Jan at 10:30 in the school library.

FINAL THOUGHT

To fully encounter God, you need to be made of different stuff.