

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

Three Considerations for Living the New life (vv. 17–24)

- 1. You are not to live the old life (vv. 17–19)*
- 2. You have been rescued by Christ (vv. 20–21)*
- 3. You got a new paradigm (vv. 22–24)*

For Christ's Sake Tell the Truth (v. 25)

- 1. Lying is for unbelievers (v. 25a)*
- 2. You are to speak truthfully (v. 25b)*
- 3. For the sake of others (v. 25c)*

1. If you are made new in Christ, then the old life is to no longer be a part of who you are. What makes it hard to shed what you did, believed, thought or desired before you came to understand saving faith in Christ?
2. Renewal is not neutral but is done to us by Christ, and He also requires to live in a way that reflects our love for Him. To walk in Him is to renew your mind to love the truth, love Christ above all things, and to live according to the Spirit who works within you. What changes can you make to your day to put on Christ in a way that draws you to him?
3. Pastor Jake mentioned over fifteen ways we lie (giving someone a perception other than reality). Do you remember some of them or can you think of other subtle forms of falsehood (misrepresentations of reality) that we become comfortable with?



4. What tempts you to misrepresent reality? Or cover the truth? (i.e., specific fears, desires to gain an advantage, control). It is difficult to be honest about our personal sin. How does the gospel free us to be honest with God and others? (c.f., Proverbs 28:13).

5. One way to gain insight into our struggles is to describe a situation that is challenging to speak truthfully in and to then ask why it is challenging to speak truthfully at that moment. Can you think of a situation that is challenging for you to speak truthfully in?