



BETTER THAN BEFORE

This Will Change Your Life

Gen 2:18-25, 1:26-28; John 13:34-35; Eph 4:25-32 (NIV)

Many people are looking to change their lives. And after the past year, many of us would welcome change. We are ready for things to be different. We are ready for community. As we go forward, we should pause to ask ourselves, “what have we learned, and what do we want to carry forward”? If we are intentional about the questions we ask ourselves, we can emerge from this season Better Than Before.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] What is one thing you like best about meeting in person and one thing you like about meeting online?
2. What part of your life might be “an opportunity for thoughtful design”? What, if anything, will you keep from the past year – habits, connections, or anything else?
3. As you consider moving forward into a New Community and not “back” to normal, consider intentionally choosing, or reaffirming, the focus of your small group community. Has the past year highlighted anything new for your small group? Does your group want to consider a different time, or day? Will anyone still need to meet online? What about your group would you want to see become better than before?
4. As we move forward into community together, consider praying for those communities and countries that are not in the same situation. How might you pray them as they work to get COVID under control?

NEXT STEPS: This week consider taking time to think about your next steps in this area.

- a. What have you learned about yourself and your relationship with God this past year?
- b. How will you use this knowledge going forward to be better than before?

MOVING FORWARD

How will you choose to live in community?

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

—John 13:35 (NIV)