

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What is the biggest positive change you've ever seen happen to someone?
- What changes have happened in your life over the past year?
- Discipleship check-in (at the bottom of this guide!)

INTRODUCTION

We are a family on mission. Christ has called us into the family of which he is the founder and forerunner, and he's called us to chase after him. If we're going to do that well, we have to press into who we are and what we're called to do. We have to press into the DNA of who we are as God's family. At Aletheia, we like to say that we exist to bring the truth, grace, and changing power of the gospel for the glory of God and the good of all people. We'll be unpacking what that means over the next few weeks, moving through our core values of truth, grace, and change.

This week, we'll be discussing the *change* the gospel brings to us. Jesus' work in our lives and on the cross frees us to be transformed into people like him, who bring the change and new creation that he began two thousand years ago. Christ died in our place so that we could truly live in him. In other words, we are changed—and become agents of change—because of Christ's greater exchange.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

DISCUSS:

- What does it mean that we are a "new creation" in Christ?
- What does this passage say is true of us now in Christ? What have we been given, and who are we now?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- Is there any area in your life that you've given up on God changing? Why?
- How might Jesus want to change your life? Why do you find it hard to trust him to do that?

PRAY

Thank God for the change that the gospel brings! Thank Him that he sent his Son so that you could be transformed into a son or daughter of God as well. Ask God how you can grow together as a group, how you can trust God together and build each other's faith to see his change flow into your life. Take time to discuss what you hear in prayer, and how you can carry each other's burdens as you pursue Christ together. Ask that God would bless you as you bless one another.

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?