



MESSAGE GROUPS - GOD'S NEW & NEXT - PART 2 - APRIL 14

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

As our culture and world constantly change, God shapes and grows us to better serve those who are far from Him. In this next season, He has called us, as the church, to go after families. To reach struggling marriages, the next generation, and families with special needs children. Only because of Jesus can families be rescued and transformed.

ICEBREAKER:

Share a story about a tradition that your family had growing up or a new tradition you have now!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read aloud **Isaiah 61: 1-7**. These verses point to three things: (1) we are anointed to spread the Good News of Jesus, (2) we are called Oaks of Righteousness, (3) because of Jesus, what is now in ruin will be transformed to joy.

- **Q:** *What do you think these verses mean about our role as Christians? What are examples of ways we can take action and live out these three things in our life today?*

Only **because of Jesus** are we rescued and transformed. As a church we are being called to focus on family, the next generation (those between the ages of 10-24), and better serving those families with special needs.

- **Q:** *How do you think focusing on families and the next generation could transform our church and city?*
- **Q:** *Share a story about a time God moved in your life or the life of someone you know in the area of marriage, the next generation of young adults, or with special needs families. How can you be intentional about praying for God to move in these areas for others?*

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As we move into this next season, God may be stirring people in your group to serve families. Encourage them to visit **12stone.com/vision** to learn more about how they can help and where their skills and passions are needed. And as we continue to prepare for Easter, ask them to pray the following prayer over those who God has placed on their heart:

PRAYER FOR EASTER: "God, celebrating Easter with family will be a great time. Would you add to the great time by helping me bring _____ into the experience and into your kingdom?"
(we engage people, and God transforms people!)

