

THE MISSION OF RESTORATION The Vision #1

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature..." And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...
Genesis 1:27-31; 2:8-10

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.
Isaiah 61:1-4

(Luke 4:16-21)

Our passion is the _____ of _____!

To _____ Jesus in _____ people
to _____, which is loving God, loving others, and serving the world!

A. Restoration of _____ with Father!

(2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 22:36-38)

B. Restoration of Spiritual _____.

(Psalm 85:8; John 10:27; James 1:22)

C. Restoration of our life's _____.

(Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 19:21; Romans 8:28; Philippians 2:13)

Small Group Discussion Notes

These small group notes are a tool, not a curriculum to be completed. Use them as you see fit!

Opening Questions

- Why is it important to have a vision for your life?
- What in your life do you have a vision for? How did you get that vision, and how do you keep it?

Launching Questions

- Read Genesis 1:27-31. Based on this scripture, what was God's intention for man at creation?
- What does creation show us about God and His heart for us?
- Read Isaiah 61:1-4 and Luke 4:16-21. What does the Isaiah passage include that the Luke passage doesn't? What is significant, especially about verse 4?

Guiding Questions

- What is lostness? How does the story about Bibi Aisha illustrate lostness? How did you respond to that story, and why?
- What is God saying to you?
- If someone asked you why being restored to Father is important, what would you say? If they asked you what difference it has made in your life, what would you say?

Application Questions

- If you wrestled with articulating what difference God has made in your life, how can you address that this week?
- You have been given the ministry of reconciliation, of restoring people to relationship with Father. How are you carrying that out? Where on your priority list would you say that was, and where should it be? What can you do to move in the right direction?
- In what area of your life that Sean talked about, do you need restoration? What will you do to pursue it? What area can you help someone find restoration? Who do you know who needs that?