



● A New Normal is a \_\_\_\_\_ new behavior.

● It's \_\_\_\_\_ to allow someone else to establish a new behavior for your life.

● God has already \_\_\_\_\_ us to a new \_\_\_\_\_.

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17(NLT)

The process of discovering a new normal can cause us to pushback and seek out a **desired** behavior rather than a **designed** behavior.

<sup>24</sup>...take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you. Ephesians 4:24 (MSG)

<sup>2</sup>Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.... Romans 12:2 (NLT)

● Many Christians want to \_\_\_\_\_ into a culture that God has \_\_\_\_\_ them from.

### A new Normal means:

● We do life with \_\_\_\_\_ in God.  
It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists *and* that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (MSG)

<sup>3</sup> ...God has given to every one a measure of faith. Romans 12:3 (BBE)

### Faith is:

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1(NLT)

- \_\_\_\_\_ God can do what needs to be done.
- Having \_\_\_\_\_ that God will act.
- Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives that reflects our confidence in God.

... as the body without the spirit is dead, also faith without actions is dead. James 2:26

O my soul, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise him for all that he will do. He is my help! He is my God!" Psalm 42:11(TLB)

### To develop your faith:

● Discover what the \_\_\_\_\_ says \_\_\_\_\_ can do.  
I am the LORD, the God of all people. Nothing is too difficult for me. Jeremiah 32:27 (GNT)

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by God's Word. Romans 10:17

● Let life's \_\_\_\_\_ develop your faith.

<sup>2</sup> Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.  
<sup>3</sup> You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. <sup>4</sup> So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. James 1:2-4 (MSG)

Faith believes God can, but \_\_\_\_\_ Him even if He doesn't.

● Faith does not ignore \_\_\_\_\_, it brings \_\_\_\_\_ into it.

Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Hebrews 10:23(MSG)



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE  
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

### Questions for Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Name one thing you believe will be part of our new normal due to the COVID 19 virus?
- Do you find it difficult to allow someone else (like a government authority) to establish a new behavior for your life? Is it equally challenging to allow God to establish a new behavior for our lives? Explain.
- Talk about what faith is. How would you explain what faith is to a 10 year old child?
- Why does faith require action?
- How does knowing the character of God increase our faith?
- What is one example in the Bible that shows someone with faith? What allows some to have faith while others struggle to have it?
- Why is scripture such an important part of developing our faith?
- Do you find that this time of isolation has developed your faith? Explain.
- From the Talk on Sunday Dave mentioned two ways to develop faith. What are some others ways to develop faith in God that were not mentioned?
- How does trusting God when He doesn't act develop our faith?

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