

New Covenant Message 2

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## Outline

... under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3:6 (NLT)

## The New Covenant is... (2 Corinthians 2:14-3:18)

Expressed in the \_\_\_\_\_\_.
(2 Corinthians 2:14-17. C/R: Romans 8:37;
1 Corinthians 1:17; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4)

2. Evidenced by \_\_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 3:1-6. C/R: Exodus 31:18; Jeremiah 31:33; Ephesians 4:21-24; 1 Thessalonians 1:5)

3. Experienced as \_\_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 3:7-18. C/R: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 5:17-18; 13:14-16; Romans 3:20-22; 7:5-12)

Answers: 1. Gospel 2. life change 3. glorious

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# Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

## **Conversation Starter**

What smell brings back the most vibrant and clearest memories for you?

## Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

## **Bible Study and Group Discussion**

#### Read 2 Corinthians 2:12-17.

- 1. What's the fragrance of your life (i.e., how do people perceive you)?
- 2. Has anyone ever rejected you (or kept a distance from you) because of your devotion to Christ? If so, how did that affect you?
- 3. Describe one way you live under Christ's authority.

#### Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6.

- 4. The evidence of Paul's ministry was the life-change he saw in the Corinthian church. They were his letters of recommendation.
  - a) Who has God used to bring change in your life? (You would become a letter of recommendation for them, evidence of their Christlike influence).
  - b) On the flipside, whose life has changed because of you? (They would become a letter of recommendation for you, evidence of your Christlike influence).

5. We all crave affirmation. Consider whether affirmation from God or people is more important to you. How can you move toward pouring out your life as a sacrifice for God whether or not others affirm you?

#### Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18.

- 6. Define glory.
- 7. Moses had a glory that didn't last. How is *the new way* more glorious?
- 8. What's one way the Holy Spirit has helped you experience freedom?
- 9. We're called to reflect God's glory to those around us. What are some specific ways you can do that in your everyday life?
- 10. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's lesson?

## **Spiritual Practice**

A spiritual practice is like training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Find a guiet place without distractions. Close your eyes and take in a few deep breaths. Ask God to show you one area of your life where you need Him to change you. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in your life.

## **Memory Verse**

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NLT)

## **Daily Reading**

Day 1: Romans 8:35-39 Day 2: Galatians 1:10-12

Day 4: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Day 5: Psalm 72:19

Day 3: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

## **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, October 3, we'll continue our series Sufficiency in Christ. To prepare read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18.



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