

"It's not for your sake, but for His holy name that He will act..."

PULPIT CURRICULUM

**THE PRESENT IS NEW
EZEKIEL 36**

Happy New You, pt 2

1. REVIEW

What impacted you most about the statement "God is for God"? Did it affirm your beliefs or surprise you? Why? _____

Read Ezekiel 36:25-28. How might a person on their own agenda view themselves and God? How does that differ from a person on God's agenda? _____

Read Ezekiel 36:31-32 What does it mean to biblically loathe yourself according to this passage? How does that contrast with the world's view that we should love ourselves? _____

2. ASSESS

What would a review of your last month's calendar and financial statements reveal about whose agenda you're on? How about the last year? _____

In Ezekiel 36:26 God says that He wants to remove the heart of stone from you so He can give you a heart of flesh. What is something from your old self that needs to be removed to make room for the new thing God is doing in your life? _____

Review the five areas of commitment mentioned in the sermon. These were unique to each campus, so review your notes. Share with your group which of these areas you committed to improving. If you haven't selected one yet, choose one now. In what ways do you feel like you live this area of your life on your own agenda instead of Gods? _____

3. APPLY

Review the area(s) of improvement you chose from the five you listed in the previous section. What are you going to do to get that part of your life on God's agenda this week? Commit to taking action this week and get a group member to follow up with you to hold you accountable to your commitment.

Memorize Ezekiel 36:26-27 this week. As you work on this, meditate on the fact that your obedience does not give you the Spirit of God, but it is the Spirit of God that gives you the ability to obey. As you reflect, write down some thoughts on how you do or do not live out this important truth in your daily life.

MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

- 1A) God is for God - understand it v.22-23
- 2A) Forgiveness is for me - experience it v. 24-25
- 3A) New Life is for now - live it v.26-27
- 4A) Undeserved blessing is forever - believe it v.28-30
- 5A) God is for God - don't forget it v.31-32

This message was preached by multiple pastors. Use the space below to write in memorable lines from the sermon at your campus.

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Psalm 115:1

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ Isaiah 43:25

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ Titus 3:5-6

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ 2 Corinthians 5:17

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ Psalm 84:11-12

What I learned:

How I will respond:

To learn more about studying the Bible, look for the "Essentials of Growing in Christ" class starting soon at your campus.