



Sermon Discussion Guide
Reset: Prepare for the Next Challenge
Sunday, June 13, 2021
Based on Pastor Jason's Message

Introduction

We're finishing up a series called *Reset*. Our world is reopening and we're adjusting to what's being called the new normal. So, we're seeing how the Bible can give us wisdom as we navigate this time together. Specifically, we're reading through Romans 12 together. In this sixth and last lesson, we learn that we can be prepared for future challenges.

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Share Your Story

1. What's one good thing you learned when you look back at 2020 that you want to take with you as you go forward?

Hear God's Story

2. Read Romans 12:17. The phrase we translate as "be careful to" (NIV), or "give thought to" (ESV), or "in such a way" (NLT), comes from the ancient Greek word *pronoō*. It literally means to take thought of in advance, think ahead, or plan ahead. What would you say the hardest part of actually doing that is for you?
3. Read Romans 12:18. Here were some examples from the sermon of how to actually live this out: work on your own personal issues; learn to argue fairly; apologize when you are wrong; and, don't avoid issues. What's one thing you need to work on in your own life so you can better "live at peace with everyone"?
4. Read Romans 12:19-21. Consider your roles and relationships in this stage of your life. What are some ways you can live this teaching out this next week?
5. Romans 12:17-21 is held up by the theme of continually living honorably in community as we trust and surrender to God. What simple truths about the spiritual life do you need to remember to help you stay the course, day in, day out?

Create a New Story

6. Take a few minutes to write down your top five lessons of 2020 that you can take into the future, then share your list with your group. How can you hold each other accountable to these?

Further Studies: Reflecting on the Big Picture

We're concluding our message series called *Reset*. Here's an overview of what we've looked at over the past six weeks as a church while we've gone through Romans 12:

- Discover new spiritual rhythms for our lives
- Relate to each other better
- Create a new kind of spiritual family
- Overflow with hospitality
- Help each other through the changes in life
- Prepare for future challenges by living honorably

Read Romans 12 straight through in one big chunk, then move onto the questions below.

Discuss

1. After reading Romans 12 straight through, what's one thing you've learned or been reminded of about God as we've gone through this series together?
2. What have you learned about yourself?
3. Can you identify some areas in your life that need some adjusting so you can better live out the macro message of Romans 12? If so, what's one or a few of them?
4. Think of the negative self-talk you say to yourself when you realise you could have done something better, treated someone better, or just didn't represent God's heart as well as you could have. Thinking about Romans 12, and looking back at the main lessons from our series, what are some ways you can shift your inner-narrative to find encouragement to keep going with a more biblical thought life?
5. God sees you, knows you better than you know yourself, and loves you like nuts. Take a moment in silent prayer to imagine God's sitting across from you. Ask Him, "What do you want me to be reminded of right now?"
Then, after a few moments, share (if you're willing) what He brought to your mind in that prayer, with the Life Group facilitator sharing first.

For Parents: Repackaging for Youth

6. For those who have young children at home, what are some ways you could teach this lesson to them that takes into account their age and learning level?

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