

New Beginning and New Creation

December 20, 2020

Text: John 1:1-5, NIV

What to Do When What You've Known has been Torn Down

- The _____ of a new beginning.

- The _____ is seen in the logical progression of the Gospel.

- This requires us to have Spirit directed _____.

God is Offering a New way of Life

- Eternal life sets us in a _____.

- Eternal life sets us in a new _____ with a new _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- On your last visit to your hometown or childhood home, what had changed? How did you feel about the changes?
- How do you think the pandemic, politics, and other upheavals of 2020 will change our society? The church? Your own life?
- Why do you think John's original readers were so devastated by the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple? What did it represent to this group of Christians?
- How does the progression from physical temple to Jesus to the Christian community change the way God's purposes are carried out? How might that apply to our perspective on the church and our mission?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in shaping our imaginations for ministry?
- In what ways is the Christian family different from our society?
- How are God's new government and economy different from the American government and economy?
- The primary law that Christians live by is "love as Christ has loved." How does this law shape the way we relate in the family of God? Outside the family of God? And how does our life of love act as an invitation to join the family?