



"If anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation." Jesus is not offering to clean up the old; he is offering to enable the new. Because of his death and resurrection, the possibility now exists for us to be fully released to become who we were always meant to be, who we can be recreated to be. The old you is buried and dead. You have been born again. Welcome to You 2.0!

Week 3: A New Approach 2.0 Transformation

1. Rick began by pointing out that *Jesus was not looking for acceptance; he was looking for apprentices*. What is significant about that distinction? How do you think the emphasis on transformation rather than transaction changes our understanding of Jesus' invitation?
2. **KEEP IN MIND: Jesus' invitation includes forgiveness and formation.** Why is it essential to remember that following Jesus includes both forgiveness and formation? Follow up: In **Galatians 3:3** and **5:16 & 25**, Paul refers to living our new life in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. How can we practice true dependence on the Spirit's power in everyday life instead of trying to rely on our own strength?
3. **KEEP IN MIND: Jesus' imitation is an "inside job."** How has your view of the Holy Spirit's role in your life changed through the years? Follow up: Where have you seen the power of the Holy Spirit at work in your own life, or in the life of someone else recently?
4. **KEEP IN STEP: The Spirit gives you 2.0 a new "want to."** Ezekiel 36:26-27 promises God will give us new desires by putting His Spirit within us. When have you experienced the Spirit changing your "want to" towards Godly desires (**Galatians 5:17 & Philippians 2:13**)?
5. **KEEP IN STEP: The Spirit gives you 2.0 a new "able to."** Read **Ephesians 3:16**. What are some specific ways the Holy Spirit gives you strength to become more like Jesus? Follow up: **Read Romans 8:5**. What are some practical ways we can become more aware of and replace sinful thought patterns with thoughts that please the Spirit?
6. Rick closed by reminding us that the **Holy Spirit is for you 2.0!** With that in mind, when have you experienced the Holy Spirit being on your side as your helper, your counselor, your comforter, your guide, or your friend? How did that change you? Follow up: How can we cultivate a greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance in our daily lives?

