

# NOTES *at the* DOOR



## WEEK 2 | DEVOTIONAL KEEP RENOVATING

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### REFLECT

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1. What is one idea from the message that really captured your attention? Why?
2. How well do you embrace change?  
Love change | Ok, but would rather not | Only if I have to | Change averse.

Pastor Dan invited us to consider these points as they help or hinder change:

3. Success Can Breed Inflexible Orthodoxies
  - a. Reflect | Success often leads us to hold tightly to past methods, but God calls us to stay flexible and open to new ways of His leading.
  - b. Read | **Mark 7:5–9** Describe what is happening in the passage in your own words.
  - c. Share | How can we remain open to God's voice even when success tempts us to become rigid?
4. A Body That Doesn't Change Is a [Corpse]. What other word might you use to end the sentence?
  - a. Reflect | Our spiritual growth and life in Christ requires continual change and renewal. Just as our physical bodies constantly grow and heal, our spiritual lives also need constant movement and transformation.
  - b. Read | **2 Corinthians 5:17–21** Describe what is happening in the passage in your own words.
  - c. Share | How does this verse remind us that God's life in us requires constant renewal and change?

5. The Church Is a Catalogue of Continuity and Change.
  - a. Reflect | The Church has roots in deep tradition yet is called to be a living, active and adaptable body.
  - b. Read | **Matthew 9:14–17** and **Hebrews 9:11–15** Describe what is happening in the passage in your own words.
  - c. Share | How can we keep a balance of tradition and openness to God’s ongoing guidance? The new covenant in Christ brought dramatic change. How does the Bible show a pattern of God moving His people forward in new ways without losing sight of His promises? It’s OK if you don’t have an immediate answer; it’s a big question. Who can you ask to help you dig into it?
  
6. Reformed and Ever-Reforming
  - a. Reflect | “Semper reformanda” (always reforming) reflects the need for the Church and individuals to keep reforming in response to God’s leading.
  - b. Read | **Romans 12:1–2** & **Ephesians 4:20–24**
  - c. Share | What areas of my life need reforming to stay aligned with God’s will? How am I “taking off” my old self and “putting on” my new self, in Christ?

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## RESPOND

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Change in our life with Jesus requires a willingness to trust God’s ongoing work in and through us. What is one area where God is inviting you to embrace change? Ask God for wisdom to know when to hold fast and when to let go and trust Him in new seasons and to follow His guidance through change.

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## RESOURCE

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Pick up a copy of former staff Pastor Greg Ogden’s book, *Discipleship Essentials*. We regularly have this title in the Christ Church bookstore.