



Life Group Study Guide

A new normal. These past several weeks have forced us to adapt to new ways of doing things. Work. School. Even the way we do mundane tasks like getting groceries. And, in the weeks or months ahead, as stores and parks and schools reopen and social distancing is reduced and eventually eliminated, there will undoubtedly be yet another new normal to the way we live, relate, learn, play, and live.

But, what if it wasn't just a new normal, but a better normal? What if we take the lessons learned this spring and use them as a catalyst to living differently? By changing habits and adopting new ways of thinking, what if we could not just alter our routines but use them to strengthen our relationships, minds, bodies, finances, and everything in between?

Join The Water's Edge, beginning April 19th, as WE take a look at not just a new normal, but A New Better Normal.

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Week 1: For Where Your Treasure Is...

Watch:

April 19, 2020 Sermon

Available on-demand on Facebook.com/WEOmaha, YouTube.Com/WE Omaha and WEOmaha.com/normal

Read:

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

-Matthew 6:21

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

"Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

"The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

"Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.

-Luke 14:15-23

Ask:

1. Tell about a time in your life that you chose to make a major change. What did you enjoy about it? Was any part of that change difficult?
2. Tell about a time in your life where you were forced to make a major change. What didn't you enjoy about it? Was any part of that change beneficial?
3. In the midst of major, or minor, life change, what are some adjustments people typically have to make?
4. What types of things demonstrate where our priorities are? (schedules, finances, social media feeds)
5. In Week 1's sermon, we looked at the Parable of the Great Banquet (*Luke 14:15-23*). Many people chose to do good things, but missed out on the best thing. How has your current situation helped you to see some good things that you may have prioritized over better things?
6. What is a priority you've rediscovered in recent weeks? How do you plan to continue it as a part of your new, better, normal?
7. Are there any relationships or friendships you've reconnected or grown over the past month that you will prioritize more going forward?
8. A full life doesn't come from a full schedule but rather from participating in the Kingdom of God. How has this time of social distancing, changed schedules, and focus on priorities, helped you to discover a new, better, normal?

9. What habits or practices can you begin now to help keep you from returning to your “old” way of life?

10. How can we be in prayer for one another this week?