



## The Way of New Beginnings

### The Cycle of Freedom

- **Freedom:** We \_\_\_\_\_.

*God looked over everything he had made;  
it was so good, so very good!*

Genesis 1:31 (MSG)

- **Fall:** We \_\_\_\_\_.

*When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.*

Romans 5:12 (NLT)

- **Faith:** How we \_\_\_\_\_.

*Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.*

Romans 5:18 (NLT)

*...Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

Mark 1:14-15 (NIV)

- Faith, the way of new beginnings, begins when we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'"*

John 3:5-7 (NIV)

- The result of faith is we are \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Fruits:** What we \_\_\_\_\_.

*...those people who hear what I say and live according to My teachings—you are like a wise man who built his house on a rock, on a firm foundation.*

Matthew 7:24 (VOICE)

## Discussion Questions

1. Have you made the decision to believe and follow Jesus? If not, what is preventing you from making that commitment?
2. If you've already made the decision to follow Jesus, share your story of how you came to faith in Jesus.
3. How has your life changed since coming to faith? What area of your life are you inviting God to transform this year?

## Recommended Resources

- *TheWaysofJesus.com*
- *Welcome to the Revolution*, by Brian Tome
- *Thriving in Babylon*, by Larry Osborne
- *The Deeply Formed Life*, by Rich Villodas
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Romans 5:12 (NLT)

- **Faith:** How we GET IT BACK.

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- The result of faith is we are BORN AGAIN.
- **Fruits:** What we DO NOW.

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