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Event: Life Group

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Purpose: Material facilitation for Life Group

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## LESSON TITLE : *Released in Reverence*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

#### **Purpose of lesson:**

Recognizing God is our Reason - for living and serving Him.

#### **Application:**

1. Repentance
2. Renewal
3. Revival

#### **Take home:**

My reason in life is God

### **MAIN SCRIPTURE:**

**2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)**

*Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*

### **ELABORATION FROM SCRIPTURE:**

**1) These promises (2 Corinthians 6:16-18) which Paul mentions here affirms the Corinthian church and us today, but more importantly seeks what will be our response from these promises.**

**2) These Promises are - because God's presence dwells in us :**

- i) We are God's temple
- ii) God lives with us
- iii) God journeys with us
- iv) We belong to God as his Children

**3) Paul is teaching the Church how to be recipients of these promises.**

4) In the earlier passages, Paul taught on the distinction from not being one with the world. Not to compromise by being one with it because the both cannot be in union.

5) When we Recognize this, then Paul urges the church to '*...purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.*'

6) The 'How?' is illustrated in our application of : Repentance, Renewal and Revival.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **REQUIRED STARTING QUESTIONS:**

1) What does God mean to us?

**\*\*Keywords:** Saviour, Hope, Peace, Joy and other attributes of God's nature & character.

2) Because we recognize what God means to us, how do we have reverence for God?

**\*\*Reverence:** A deep - honour, respect, love for God.

### **OPTIONAL QUESTIONS: Pick according to age group/suitability of hearers**

1) When we think of reasons for doing things from small to major things, what guides us in our decisions?

2) What can you observe about How or What guides you in your decisions?

3) What does such promises mean to us?

i) We are God's temple

ii) God lives with us

iii) God journeys with us

iv) We belong to God as his Children

4) If God and being a Christian is important, how can we change to be more like Jesus?

**\*\*more like Jesus:** honouring God, obedience to God, submitting to God, faithful to God, other Christlike motivation and behaviour; an example/testimony to others, confident/secure in our relationship with God.

5) What makes serving reveal 'God is important' or 'God is my reason in life'?

**\*\*provide options/ideas on serving in the new normal.**

(some examples from YPM Podcast 'If Not For Jesus')

6) What's one or a few things to keep in mind when we're serving God?

**\*\*motivation, dependence on Holy Spirit, heart's posture, outcome belongs to God.**

## REQUIRED ENDING QUESTIONS & APPLICATION: (More reflective and responsive - leading to prayer)

1) When we think of our **take home statement 'My reason in life is God'** what areas of our lives do we need to **repent** so that God is truly revered – given the place of honour in our lives?

2) What are areas of our lives we need God to **renew** in us?

The Bible says, when our mind is renewed we are transformed when we no longer follow the ways of the world - Satan's Spiritual System. (Paraphrased Ro 12:2)

3) What is your request to God to **revive** certain areas of your life so that that He becomes your every reason in your life? Being assured receiving those promises : you being God's temple, He lives with you, He is journeying with you and that you belong as His Child.

**\*\*Revival:** Common misconception it is an external movement, rather it is an internal transformation.

## **CONCLUSION:**

### **RECAP - Purpose of lesson: Released in Reverence**

Recognizing God is our Reason - for living and serving Him.

### **RECAP – Key verse**

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### **RECAP - Application:**

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### **RECAP - Take home:**

My reason in life is God

## **ENDING:**

Conclude in prayer : lesson's emphasis, needs of LG members, church, community and country.

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