

Community Group Guide: NGN- Redeemer

Warm-Up

Consider a crushed, dirty aluminum can. It was once full and labeled; now it is empty, stomped flat, and covered in grime.

Discussion: To the world, this can looks worthless. When have you felt like your life mirrored this can—flattened by circumstances or "emptied out" by the world?

Why is it so easy to believe that our value decreases when we are broken?

Bible Study

I. The Purchase: Redeemed FROM

Read: Ephesians 1:7, 1 Peter 1:18-19

1. If your value is determined by the price paid for you, what does the "precious blood of Christ" say about your worth when you feel unworthy?
2. Why is it important that our redemption is "In Him" and not in our own effort or spiritual performance?

II. The Refining

Read: Job 23:10, 2 Timothy 2:20-21

1. When we are in the "fire" of a trial, we often feel discarded. How do these verses reframe the "heat" as a process of preparation rather than punishment?
2. What are some "old labels" or habits that the Holy Spirit might be trying to burn away in your life right now?

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III. The Purpose: Redeemed TO

Read: Joel 2:25, Colossians 1:13-14

1. What has sin—either your own or the sins of others—stolen from you that you previously thought was worthless or gone forever?
2. Redemption means being "brought into the kingdom." How does having a new "higher purpose" change how you view your daily life?

Live It

Redemption: Have you been redeemed? Have you accepted Jesus offer to redeem you by his blood by believing in Him, asking for forgiveness and declaring Him Lord of your life? If not, there's no time like right now!

Reflect: Redemption is a transformation, not just a transaction. Which step of the process are you experiencing right now? (Being picked up from the dirt, the melting down of the furnace, or being reshaped for a new use?)

Action Step: Identify one area where you feel worthless. This week, every time that thought arises, replace it with the truth of 1 Peter 1:18-19. Remind yourself: *"I have a Redemption Value paid for by the blood of Christ."*

Group Prayer: Pray for one another to let go of the "labels" that make us feel unworthy. Ask the Holy Spirit to begin softening what has hardened and restoring what has been broken. Ask the Holy Spirit to help live the redeemed life you have been given.