



# Renewal

Sermon Series Introduction

## **WORSHIP**

Read Romans 11:33-36 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

## **FELLOWSHIP**

What is one thing you want to remember from this summer?

## **DISCUSSION**

Theologian John Calvin writes:

"Our wisdom...consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But as these are connected together by many ties, it is not easy to determine which of the two precedes and gives birth to the other."<sup>1</sup>

*Do you think there is a connection between knowing ourselves and knowing God?*

*Have these been connected in your own life?*

*How have you grown in your knowledge of God and/or of yourself in the last year?*

Read Romans 12. We will be spending a lot of time in this chapter in the coming months as we consider the topic of renewal.

*What stands out to you in this passage?*

*What does this passage reveal about God?*

*Is there a verse you want to meditate on or memorize this week?*

Read Psalm 1.

*Compare the righteous person and the wicked person.*

*What does this Psalm teach us about renewal?*

*How much are you “like a tree planted by streams of water”(v.3)?*

*What would it look like for you to apply this Psalm to your life this week and during this sermon series?*

## **PRAYER**

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?

Pray for group, church, and community needs.

## **FOOTNOTES**

1 Simon Chan, *Spiritual Theology: A Systematic Study of the Christian Life* (Downers Grove: IVP, 1998), 110.