



# CALLED TO RENEWAL

"Now, Can You See It Coming?" | 1 MAY 2022

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1. Another quote by NT Wright on the joy and challenge in the wake of Easter: "You are called to be truly human, but it is nothing short of the life of God within you that enables you to be so, to be remade in God's image. As C.S. Lewis said in a famous lecture, next to the sacrament itself your Christian neighbor is the holiest object ever presented to your sight, because in him or her the living Christ is truly present." Have some discussion on these perspectives.
2. Following the above, discuss the Lord's prayer where he prays, "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."
3. Read Romans 6:4 and Colossians 2:12 aloud. Reread these verses another time aloud. What stands out to you this time, or what do you notice? Have some discussion about what arises.
4. If you were baptized and remember it, reflect on it. When was it, who was there, and what was the setting? In light of the above texts, in what ways does your baptism identity inform your outlook moving forward in this season or renewal?
5. The UCM value of "Called to Renewal" is, "We seek to cultivate Spirit-empowered restoration and transformation in our communities." Please take a moment to ponder further on whether there is any hindrance to you embracing this value in the UCM family of God. Then continue the discussion regarding some ways your group might become more intentional in embracing this value.

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6. What might God be calling your group or you to attempt or do in this season of renewal and building back? In your family, work, church, or community?

7. Pray for one another and UCM as it flows from the discussion, that we would cultivate the renewal in and around us as He leads, for His glory.

## UNITED IN CHRIST

We are an international community from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and denominations bound together by our common commitment to exalt the person and work of Jesus Christ.



### CENTERED ON THE GOSPEL

In all things, we proclaim and live out the good news of what God has done and is doing in Christ.



### MOBILIZED FOR MISSION

We share the good news and pursue the advancement of God's Kingdom in our communities, our cities, and the nations.



### ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE

We devote ourselves to understanding, obeying, and delighting in God's Word.



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