

INTRODUCTION

Pastor Chip closed out the series *I am His* with a message on how we have been restored by God and how He's restoring all things. Christians are renamed as a child of the Kingdom of God, rescued from sin and the darkness around them, and restored to a right relationship with God and the world. Essentially, God has restored our relationship with Him, is restoring our lives and will finish the work of restoration when Jesus returns.

DISCUSSION

- 1. What thoughts, images, analogies or metaphors come to mind when you think of restoration?
- 2. Pastor Chip said God is "actively at work in our day-to-day lives to bring restoration in our character and relationships." As you navigate a global pandemic, what aspects of your character are surfacing that need restoration?
- 3. Romans 5:18-19 explains we are made righteous through Jesus, and it's only through Him dying and being raised to life that we are restored. In addition to salvation, what else is Jesus restoring or has restored in you?
 - Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. **Romans 5:18-19**
- 4. Someday, Jesus will return and restore all things (Revelation 21:1-7). What are you most eager to experience when this happens?

DOSOMETHING

- 1. If God has put a relationship on your mind that needs restoration, take this week to pray and consider your next step.
- 2. If you are convicted about an aspect of your character that needs restoration, confess any sin, repair any damage and start regularly asking God for guidance.
- 3. Keep a gratitude journal for one week acknowledging the ways in which Jesus has restored you, your family, your relationships and the world around you.
- 4. Download the I am His 21-Day Devotional located on the PLC website.

RESOURCES

- 1. Rebuilding Your Broken World video series by Chip Ingram on RightNow Media
- 2. Recovering Redemption: A Gospel Saturated Perspective on How to Change by Matt Chandler
- 3. For inspiration and hope, read *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn.