

# RENEWAL

## Discussion Notes

The start of a new year is a great time to look ahead, share our hopes for the year and pray together. You might want to start your Hub session sharing what each of your Hub members hopes for the year are.

Rob shared that his word for us in 2021 is 'renewal'. He shared that this word is:

1. Not just a return to normal
2. But instead is a daily inward renewal in the Holy Spirit

### NOT JUST A RETURN TO NORMAL

- How do we make sure we keep looking forward to renewal in 2021 rather than just looking for things to return to normal?
- Rob said that part of seeing beyond the current normal is about having an imagination to see what God sees beyond the current picture. What do you think this means in our situation? How can we see things through God's eyes and not ours?

### A DAILY INWARD RENEWAL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Rob said that we can so often look for outward changes, but actually real change comes from an inward renewal in us.

- Have you had an experience where you feel like you have been 'renewed' by the Holy Spirit? What difference did it make on your life?
- Rob said that the key to inward renewal is a daily habit of prayer. What did you find helpful for your prayer life in 2020 and what can we do to cultivate our prayer life in 2021?
- Inward renewal can mean changes in places that we've been praying for breakthrough for a long time. You might want to break into groups to pray together for areas where you are looking for breakthrough and renewal in your life. This might be something you want to return to throughout the year as well.

Finally, Rob referenced a few Bible passages that speak about renewal - Habakkuk 3:2, 2 Corinthians 4:16, Titus 3:5. You might want to study these or just share them with your Hub for people to reflect on personally.