

## Discussion Guide: The Greatest Offer of Renovation

### 1. The Icebreaker (10 mins)

- **The Concept:** We often focus on improving our physical surroundings. How does the idea of God wanting to renovate "something far more important than a temporal physical house" like you, sit with you?

### 2. Understanding the "With God" Life (20 mins)

- **The Ultimate Goal:** The purpose of this "great plan" or "with God" life is to grant us the life we could never achieve or possess on our own. We are invited to re-orient our life to begin to live in constant companionship and alignment with God to depend on him as needed.
- **The Invitation:** Steve mentioned an invitation to the "with God" life. In your own words, what is the difference between living *for* God and living *with* God?
- **The Spiritual Renovator:** Jesus is described as a "spiritual renovator". Read **Mark 1:15:** "*The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!*"
  - What does it mean for the Kingdom of God to be "near" or "available personally" to us today?
  - Why is "repenting" (turning from sin) a necessary step for this renovation to begin?

### 3. Comparing the Two Lives (15 mins)

| The Thief   | Jesus (The King)  |
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| Comes only to steal, kill, and destroy.                       | Came so that we may have life and have it to the full.                                |
| Represents Satan and any philosophies apart from the Kingdom. | Offers a radical invitation to a life with God, where God is accessible and reigning. |

- **The Full Life:** Read **John 10:10:** "*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*"
  - The text defines "the thief" as Satan or competing philosophies apart from Jesus. What are some modern "competing religious or worldly philosophies" that try to steal our peace or purpose?
  - What does "life to the full" look like in a practical, everyday sense?

### 4. Personal Application & Closing (10 mins)

- **Invitation of Jesus:** <sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.<sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30. How will you respond?
- **Practice Presence:** No matter what you are struggling with, or if you lack peace, joy or hope due to a circumstance, how can you remind yourself today that the Kingdom/presence of God is "near" and available to you in this very moment to seek God for your need.
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