

This July

STARTING OVER

*How to ensure next time
won't be like last time*





LIFEGROUPS

Series: Starting Over

Scriptures: Romans 7:15-20; 8:28

Date: July 3, 2016

—[LET'S TALK]—

- Have you ever had to start over with something? What was that like?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- Do you agree that the myths of starting over are myths? How did they start?
- Of the three myths about starting over, which one is the most difficult for you?
- How important is it to learn how to start over effectively? Why?
- How difficult is it for you to start over? When is it easy and difficult to start over?

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- Read Romans 7:15-20 and discuss wrestling with sins and mistakes.
 1. How common of an experience is it to feel like Paul did in Romans 7?
 2. What are some internal/external pressures that lead you to a Romans 7 state of mind?
 3. Is this message more encouraging, or discouraging for you? Why? (Consider why Paul would be writing this).
 4. Read verses 21-25. What conclusion does Paul reach? What does that mean for us?
- Read Ezekiel 36:23-27, Colossians 3:1-17 and discuss the idea of starting over.
 1. When it comes to difficult mistakes, is it possible to next time to be different from last time?
 2. What needed to happen to the Israelites in Ezekiel 36:26-27 for them to start over?
 3. Ultimately, where do we gain our strength for starting over? Who gets the glory?
 4. What role does God play in starting over? What role do we play?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- **Enter the Re-Purpose for a Reason Auction!** --- Find it, Make it, Release it!
- Do you have a treasure stashed away in a closet or basement? When you see abandoned furniture, do you think, "Opportunity?" This month we invite you to re-purpose something that has been forgotten or broken, and give it to Wooddale to put in a **Silent Auction the weekend of July 30/31**. Your whole LifeGroup could work together on a project! The proceeds will go to our Compassion Ministry, helping people in need through local ministries such as The Sheridan Story. Take pictures and post them on social media with **#Repurpose**
- Be sure to check out the Wooddale Week for all the details!

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- We often learn from mistakes that matter very little, but repeat mistakes in areas matter most.
- We need to learn how to start over in a way that ensures next time won't be like last time.
- Many of us fall into believing 3 myths about starting over—myths that prevent us from starting over in a way that ensures next time won't be like last time. These myths are:
 1. The Experience Myth: "Experience makes me wiser."
 - Rather: *Evaluated* experience makes you wiser.
 2. The Know-Better Myth: "Now I know better, so I will do better."
 - Rather: Knowledge *minus sin* frees you to do better.
 3. The Time Myth: "Time is against me."
 - Rather: Time is your *friend*.
- If we can overcome these myths, and get this starting over process right, we can come out on the other side embodying the qualities of *divine destiny* and *abiding humility*.
- Next time *can be* better than last time, but not just because you want it to be. Rather, it can be better because you planned for it to be!

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