## SCC Small Group Study – May 21, 2023 Rev. Rick Dietzman Spiritual Renewal! Titus 3:3-8

## **Getting Started:**

How would you personally describe your life before encountering Jesus?

How has God's love and mercy impacted your life and brought about spiritual renewal?

## Searching the Scriptures:

A. Why is deep dissatisfaction an important initial sign of spiritual renewal? How does it pave the way for awareness of sin and shortcomings in our lives?

- B. Think about Romans 12:2. How does the process of renewing our minds play a role in experiencing spiritual renewal? How can we actively engage in renewing our minds to align with God's intentions for us?
- C. In light of Titus 3:4, how does the kindness and love of God manifest in our lives and bring about a new awareness of His presence? How have you personally experienced this in your journey of spiritual renewal?

D. How does waiting upon the Lord contribute to a heightened awareness of His presence? How can we actively cultivate a posture of waiting and dependence on God to experience His renewing presence in our lives?

- E. Reflecting on the characteristics Pastor Rick listed (lingering, waiting, meeting Jesus; trusted, reconciled and deep relationships; an eye for the small and seemingly insignificant; radical humility is demonstrated; a love for young people and desire to encourage them), which ones resonate with you the most in the context of spiritual renewal? How can these characteristics contribute to a renewed and free life in Christ?
- F. According to Titus 3:7, how does the hope of eternal life impact our present lives? In what ways does the assurance of eternal life shape our perspectives, decisions, and priorities?
- G. How can we actively emphasize and remind ourselves of the transformative power of God's grace in our lives? How can we encourage one another in the group to live out the normalcy of a renewed life devoted to doing what is good?

## Application of Scripture:

A. Discuss practical ways we can encourage and support one another in our journeys of spiritual renewal. How can we fosteran environment conducive to growth and transformation?

B. How might we devote ourselves to doing what is good in the coming week?