



## *Restoration* {Jeff Henderson}

### INTRODUCTION

There once was a place where God and man existed in true harmony. No death. No disease. No dysfunction. No poverty. Jesus came to restore us to that place, a place where God's will is done "on earth as it is in heaven." He came to heal, save, and restore. Those who follow Him are part of this restoration project. Are you in?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What religious rituals do you often practice without much thought to their real meaning and/or purpose? Are there any rituals or observances that you practice without passion or enthusiasm?
2. The Lord's Prayer is a famous prayer from Matthew 6:9-13. What do you think it means when Jesus asks his Father to let "your kingdom come"?
3. Read John 20:11-15. Why does Jesus decide to do some gardening after his resurrection?
4. What are some ways you have experienced restoration through Jesus? What are some areas of your life where you still feel the need for restoration?
5. Why is it easier to focus on your own need for restoration yet neglect following Jesus in his restoration mission to the rest of the world?
6. How can you partner with Jesus on his restoration mission?

### THINK ABOUT IT

Why do Christians tend to be known more for what they stand against rather than what they stand for?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, if you are in a small group, participate in an Intersect project or another community service project. If you are not in a small group, explore your options for joining a small group.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*This, then, is how you should pray:*

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

-Matthew 6:9-10