



## ***Message-based Study***

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Message: Re-Thread - Weaving Life & Good News

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### **Connection**

What is something you love about the Fall season?

### **Content - There is a common thread of "Re" in the Bible.**

What are some "Re" words that come to mind when you think of the Bible's message?

There is a common thread of "Re" woven into each of our lives as well. God weaves it into our lives by revealing Himself to us, giving us second chances, forgiving our wrongs, and bringing healing into our pain. That thread is the Good News.

### **Represent - Old Testament**

As Christians, we represent Christ. As we live our lives, our actions are a representation of Christ to those around us. This theme continues in the Old Testament as the Hebrew for "represent" means - "in him my name".

**1.** Read Genesis 41:26-27, Exodus 23:21, Exodus 34:27 and Leviticus 24:7 and trace "represent" through the Old Testament. How do these verses give you an added context on what represent means?

### **Represent - As a way of everyday living**

Read John 14:26 and Acts 15:25 .

**2.** How is the Spirit a representative of Jesus to all of us?

Why is that significant for us as Christians specifically as we share the gospel with others?

Read Ephesians 5:1 and 2 Corinthians 5:20.

3. As Christ's ambassadors, we are to literally live a life that imitates, mimics or represents Christ. What is an example of how you do that in your daily life?

### **Represent Jesus**

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. As Christians, as we represent and walk with Jesus, we are being made more and more like Him.

4. What do you think Paul means when he talks about having "unveiled faces" in this verse?

5. Why is it important that this is an ongoing transformation as we represent Christ?

6. Read Philippians 2:3-8. Jesus came and took on a human form and died for us. We as Christians need to remember this passage and have the same mindset: dying to our own self-interest and serving others. What part of Jesus' journey to the cross do you think was most difficult?

Where in your journey right now is it difficult to maintain a posture of dying to self-interest and serving others?

### **Commitment**

7. At CCC we place a high value on being Relational, Inspirational and Invitational. Think of a scene from Jesus' life and reflect on how He lived with these values.

How, as Christians, are we are called to do the same?

**Challenge Assignment:** Who is one person that you can invite to church this week? Take time this week to model these three words: Relational, Inspirational and Invitational and invite them to join us at church next week.