

OCF Small Groups: *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don't know Jesus, as part of a Gospel Community.*

Flourishing: The Way Things Are Meant to Be

Redemption and Restoration

(Sunday, January 12)

1. What refreshes or restores your body and soul the most? A cool shower? A hot shower? A swim? A glass of lemonade? A long jog? A massage? A good book? Air conditioning? What?
2. How has God's plan of redemption and restoration brought "times of refreshing" (see Acts 3:19) to you?
3. OCF continues its new series called "Flourishing: The Way Things Are Meant to Be." What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
4. How would you explain the biblical meaning of redemption and restoration and what scriptures would you use to support the biblical definition?
5. The next few questions are related to a video from Rightnow Media. Go to <https://ocfchurch.com/rightnow-media/> and sign up or login. Search for "[Faithful in a Godless Culture](#)" and watch [Transformed Lives Transform](#) (12 minutes).
6. As a Christian, what do you see as your role to redeem and restore the culture? If you watched the video, then how does Don Carson, Tim Keller, and John Piper's view on Christians in culture shape your idea of your role?

7. John Piper said the condition of culture doesn't necessarily reflect the condition of the church. What do you think of this statement? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

8. The most transformative thing in culture is transformed people. Tim pointed out that the focus of his church is to disciple people for their public lives. Our lives shouldn't change from place to place—at home, church, school, and work. Instead, we should be the same messenger of the gospel, a redemptive and restorative agent of positive change, everywhere we go. Tim described it as a faithful presence in the world.
 - Do you see a separation between your public life and your church life? If so, what does that look like? If not, how have you worked toward being consistent wherever you go?

9. What does it mean to be a faithful, redemptive, and restorative presence in your context? What might it look like to speak truth and love others in your home, at work, and in your community?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Meditate on Psalm 23:3a

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul.

PRAYER EXERCISE

As a follower of Jesus, you are the light of the world. You can bring about transformation because you know the God who redeems and makes all things new. Speak the truth. Love your neighbor. Share the gospel. Pray for specific instances this week where you can practice being a redemptive and restorative presence where God has placed you.