

## Again and Again | Week #05

Dumpster Fires, Blueberries and Supernovas | March 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

**Anchor Verse:** The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted; his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning— great is your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23

### What's the Issue Anyway?

Again and Again, we are \_\_\_\_\_?

Deconstructing faith looks and feels like a \_\_\_\_\_ .

The dumpster fire's fuel is the false dualism of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

### What wisdom does scripture offer us?

Luke 12:49 Fire is a \_\_\_\_\_ for growth and change.

Reforming faith looks like burning the \_\_\_\_\_ .

John 12:24 Death is not merely an end but a beginning in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Don't Miss This:** Reformation is the \_\_\_\_\_ ordered, \_\_\_\_\_ process of death and resurrection.

### What about my every day, peacemaking life?

\_\_\_\_\_ the process.

Don't rush, fear or dismiss the \_\_\_\_\_ phase.

Remember the power of \_\_\_\_\_ questions.

### How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

Reformation is the key to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

"About every 500 years the Church has a \_\_\_\_\_ sale." -Rt. Rev. Mark Dyer, Anglican Bishop

### What is God inviting you into today?

1. Embrace the disorienting events of my life as part of my reformation.
2. This week make two lists: one list of things that creates the status quo and another of things that disrupt the status quo. Given these two lists, where do you think the Spirit is working, reforming our world?
3. Read "The Great Emergence" by Phyllis Tickle

## Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. Looking back on your life, can you think of a disorienting event or circumstance that God used to reorient your spiritual life, forming you into a wiser or more loving person?
2. Why do you think we are so quick to want the image of fire to be about destruction and punishment rather than reconstruction and reformation?
3. What habits could you embrace when you are experiencing the disorienting phase of the reforming work of God?
4. What do you believe needs to be reformed in modern Christianity? What do you think the Spirit is reforming currently?