

## **RE-OPENING CHRISTIANITY:**

### ***Am I Open or Closed Off?***

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It can be so easy to become click-ish. We have our friends, our cultural sensibilities, and our faith community. The early church struggled with this, too. But Peter and James reminded the early church that the Church should not put up barriers to entry, for it is by grace that we are counted as God's family.

***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!"  
– 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV***

#### **My Next Step(s):**

- I will reflect upon the ways that I discriminate against others—subtly or overtly.
- I will seek to be more open and welcoming to others
- I will lead with Grace because God leads with Grace.
- I will pray for, and do my part to help us all become "one in Christ."

**Memory Verse:** "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." - Acts 15:11

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