1. **Introduction and prayer**
2. At Step 12: Ready for a break-to be done. We often think about Step 12 as an ending.
3. Step 12 is somewhat of an ending—the end of spring training. Celebrate growth. Prep for what lies ahead.
4. A new beginning: to begin to practice biblical steps we’ve learned (to experience intimacy with God and peace with others) in every aspect of our lives. And to live out God’s purpose for our lives.
5. Read Step 12:
   * 1. Step 12, Regenerate: “Experiencing regeneration in Christ, we carry God’s message of reconciliation to others and practice these biblical principles in every aspect of our lives.”
     2. Foundation 12: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.*
6. **God loves you - He rescues you and heals you. He has a purpose for healing**—for you to love and follow Him in all areas of life and to be part of his plan to bring others out of darkness to His joy. He loves your family, neighbors, co-workers, others coming to REGEN, the world, too.
7. **If you reach Step 12, regeneration has occurred in your life.**
8. Biblical regeneration is a moment. Regeneration means “new birth or new life.” The moment we accept Christ as savior, we receive the Holy Spirit. He begins to transform us giving us new convictions, desires and hope.
9. The moment of regeneration is different than experiencing a life of re:generation. First, God captures us…then, He gives opportunities to yield more of our hearts, minds, life to Him…His ultimate desire is for us to pursue/embrace Him fully to know Him and experience all he has for us—then you experience true freedom.
10. Many of us come to REGEN to fix a specific struggle. True freedom, recovery in Christ, is becoming who God created us to be as we seek intimacy with Him.
11. ***GOOD PLACE TO INSERT A PERSONAL STORY***
12. Freedom in Christ is not the absence of temptation or conflict—true freedom is found in trusting and obeying God, embracing and delighting in His provisions for life, while we live in the midst of a spiritual battle for souls. Freedom is being able to fully experience God’s goodness unhindered by sin while living on a battleground.
13. **It is always God’s plan to do more than heal us from our recovery issues.** 
    1. He wants us to know his greatness, to walk in his strength to share in his work with others. God doesn’t heal us from sin just so we can go about our lives in our own plans unbothered by sin struggles. He saves us so that we can return to His purpose for our lives—His reason for creating us.
    2. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - …God of a*ll comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*
    3. Foundation 12: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation*.
    4. As new creations, we are to live reconciled to God and become part of his plan to rescue others to himself!
    5. Mission of *re:generation*: to call all people to be fully devoted followers of Christ. Be and make disciples.
    6. Discipleship: Not complicated. A disciple is just a student and follower of Christ. Someone who accepts God’s invitations to know Him, to be fully known and loved by Him, and to participate in the work that God is already up to. Discipling someone else is really just extending an invitation to join you in your own journey with Christ.  
       1 Corinthians 11:1 - *Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.*
    7. *re:generation name*. “Re:” means “with regard” or “concerning.” We have regard for this generation. Regenerate can also mean procreation—to reproduce.
14. **What is the message of reconciliation that we share?**
    1. **It is our new lives as we experience freedom and joy in Christ! God has given you a story to tell**. A unique story written through you, with a common message for all: There is hope in Christ. I am a sinner reconciled to God and you need to be reconciled to God too. The forgiveness and healing that I’ve found are available to all.
    2. Result of living out our message: fellowship and joy. 1 John 1:3-4 - …*what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.*
    3. God created us for relationship. We share the gospel to invite others into God’s invitation for fellowship with us (Spirit), the Father and the Son. When we do this God’s completes our joy.
15. **You’ve experienced discipleship in an authentic community** 
    1. When people humbled and rescued by God are filled with his joy, living authentically, and accepting his invitations to participate in his work—God transforms their lives and the lives of those around them. This was always God’s purpose for the Church. When a Church does this, it changes the world.
    2. God wants to use you as a minister of reconciliation. Not because of your qualifications, ability or gifts but because of His goodness, love for you and love for others.
    3. Think about how God has used your *re:generation* leaders—broken and hurting people not long ago:
       1. REGEN leaders don’t have letters at the end of our names from an educational institution to prove our learning—we have changed lives.
       2. We haven’t been trained as clinical experts—we’ve been trained by God’s Word, which fully equips us for every good work (See 2 Timothy 3:16).
       3. We aren’t state-certified, approved practitioners—we are commissioned by God as ministers of reconciliation.
       4. We don’t try to fix you—we were powerless to fix ourselves—we point you the One who can make you new.
       5. We are an authentic community of Christ-followers. We journey together, speak God’s truth in love and work through conflict because we are relentless in pursuing intimacy with Christ. We want to live in agreement with God together—reconciled. In Christ, we have new freedom, identities, and purpose. We want a front row seat to see God transformation people and continue to be transformed ourselves. We accept God’s invitations to be a part of the ministry reconciliation of the world. We want to be filled to overflowing with God’s eternal joy.
16. **Closing**
    1. ***GOOD PLACE TO INSERT A PERSONAL STORY***
    2. For you
       1. Here for the first time? You are in the right place. There is hope for you in Christ.
       2. For those who are struggling because your REGEN leaders aren’t qualified to handle your situation. Trust God to work though his Word and through imperfect people. He is bigger than the shortcomings in people.
       3. For those beginning to experience freedom in Christ. Tell God’s story in your life. Matthew 5:14-15 *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.* This broken world needs reconciliation with God. You are God’s messenger of reconciliation—God’s Plan A. Telling of God’s reconciliation of your life to others will complete your joy
       4. For all of us: There is no better place to live than in the middle of God’s purpose. To know Him, love Him and glorify Him, as we love those who He brings into our path.
    3. **Prayer**