

Baptism: Celebrating Life Change

Why Change?

Colossians 3:1-3, Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 3:12-16

Because of what Jesus:

has done

is doing

will do

What To Change?

Colossians 3:4-9, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Ephesians 5:3-7, Philippians 2:14-15

We need to change some things on the *inside*.

We need to change some things on the *outside*.

How To Change?

Colossians 3:10-11, Hebrews 12:1-4, Matthew 5:27-30, Galatians 5:16-25, Romans 8:5-11

Take the *first step!*

To win we must:

Starve the Enemy

Feed the Spirit

Food for Thought

For the week of Oct 21st, 2012

(Questions and Scriptures for Life group study)

Review the questions below before your group meets.

What did celebrating life change through Baptism mean to you this week?

DIGGING DEEPER

We heard this weekend that when we commit to following Christ, we need to put to death the desires and actions belonging to our old, earthly nature.

READ: Romans 6:11-14

How does this passage clarify or add to what was shared about how we can “starve the Enemy and feed the Spirit”?

Can you think of anything that has helped you to not let sin reign in your body?

Jeff pointed out that a huge motivation for change is the fact that we are new people in Christ. The following passage paints a picture of what this new life as followers of Jesus looks like. After reading the passage, make a list of the things that are true of a follower of Christ.

Ephesians 1:3-8

Have you experienced any of these in your own life? If so, in what ways?

In what ways could the things on your list serve to motivate you to put to death the desires and actions of your old self?

The bigger our God is and the more we feel we can trust Him to meet our needs and to protect our interests, the easier it is to respond in a way that makes Him look good. As you read the descriptions of God listed below, write down what each one says about how big God is and then on a scale of 1-to-5 (5 being highest) rate how well it fits into your current perception of God.

Jeremiah 10:10

Psalms 25:8

Psalms 86:5

Psalms 116:5

Is there one passage or principle that is more important than the others for you to remember?

Fall Life Groups

Our Life Groups help promote spiritual growth and maturity in the Real Life community through the development of significant Christian relationships centered on the study of God's word. (Hebrews 10:24-25 & Romans 8:29)

SHARING Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include some planned "sharing questions". But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as our group feels safer and more comfortable.

STUDY Each week we'll study a portion of God's word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon. Our goal is to learn how to apply and live out our Christianity in our day-to-day experiences and relationships.

SUPPORT Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (see John 15:9-13). This care will take many forms such as prayer, listening, meeting needs, encouraging and even challenging one another as needed. We also have ongoing Bible Studies available at Real Life: See the calendar at www.seekreallife.com for details.

Prayer requests: