

Series: What is Real?

Message: Not Just Forgiven but Changed

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1 John 3: 1-10

**An authentic relationship with Jesus Christ brings genuine change.**

Ephesians 2:1-5, Colossians 1:12-15, John 1:10-13

### God's Crazy Love

He died for us when we didn't want it or deserve it.

Romans 5:6-8, Colossians 2:13-14, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

He knew full well that some of us would turn our back on it.

1 John 2:2, John 1:10-13

**Biggest difference between authentic believer and fake**

**is:** John 3:19-21, Romans 1:18-32, 2 Peter 2:20-21, John 1:29, Philippians 2:12-13

The fake Christ follower continues to sin.

The authentic Christ follower has the desire and the power to fight it off.

**The Sin question:** *Am I making excuses or progress?*

Overcoming sin is a life-long process and *battle*.

Romans 7:18-25

We have been given *everything we need*.

2 Peter 1:3-4, 1 Corinthians 10:13

We have to be willing to do our part.

2 Peter 1:5-11

## Food for thought

Welcome to Spring session of Life Group's. Use the following questions to continue the conversation, have a great first meeting.

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If you could develop a new skill, hobby or habit in the next six months, what would it be and why?

### Digging Deeper

1. This week we're going to do a case study on the 12 Apostles and how they were changed as they followed Jesus. As you read the snapshots of the disciples' lives in the Scriptures below, write down what they reveal about their growth and God's work in their lives?

Matthew 4:18-22

Matthew 8:23-27

Matthew 10:1

John 16:12

Matthew 26:36, 40-47, 55-56

Acts 5:27-29, 41

2. We have a part in cooperating with God to allow change to happen. From these verses, write down the tools God gives us to help in the growth process and then answer the questions below.

John 16:13

Hebrews 4:12

Hebrews 10:24, 25

2 Timothy 2:22

Have you seen God use these tools in your growth process? If so, how and when?

What could be the result of focusing on just one and neglecting the others?

## PRAYER TIPS:

Use these prayer tips to talk it over with God:

- God I confess that I am changed. By the power of your spirit I am strong and confident and can face any trial or problem with your help.
- Father I thank you for your love. Thank you for loving me so extravagantly even when I did not know you.
- Today I will cooperate with the Holy Spirit at work in my life. I desire to see true change in my life. I will be kind and compassionate to people who do not understand or welcome the change that has taken place in my life.