

Series: Change
Message: Changing Your Mind

February 1, 2015

What we cover, God uncovers.
What we uncover, God covers.

Proverbs 28:13 *"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."*

Change your mind. Romans 12:2; Proverbs 23:7

Conflict is a factor of change.

- **Past**. Galatians 6:7-8
- **Impatience**. Galatians 6:9
- **Pride**. Hosea 8:7; Proverbs 22:8

Growth. John 8:32; Proverbs 3:5-6

Life Group Questions

For week of February 1, 2015

Welcome, to prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your lives from the inside out!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Describe a challenging time in your life.

When has change led you to ask any of the following questions or statements? (Why did I start this? This is harder than I thought. This is taking longer than I planned.)

Going Deeper

Change- Conflict- Growth This cycle is not easy but it leads to success.

Read Romans 12:2. How do we cooperate with the Holy Spirit to transform us?

What does renewing your mind mean to you?

Have you ever experienced God renewing your mind that helped discern His will?

Read Galatians 6:7. What do you think this verse means?

A lot of conflict we experience in change is from seeds sown in our past. God forgives but we still have consequences to work through.

Read Galatians 6:9. What are some of the consequences and benefits you are reaping from past decisions?

Pride is a big obstacle to change. What do you think the root cause of pride is?

What has helped you keep pride in check so change can take place?

Read John 8:32. How can we know the Truth?

What helps us know God/s truth?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What are some signs you are trusting God and not your own thinking?

Devotional Readings for Week of February 1, 2015

Day 1: Genesis 6:7-10

Every decision is an investment that earns a return. What are you investing in?

Day 2: Philippians 3:12-14

Is your life dominated by where you have been or where you are going? Have you given Christ control of not only your present and future, but also your past?

Day 3: Romans 12:1-2

Think about a change you want to make. Ask God to show you if you are working against the Holy Spirit or cooperating with the miracle of metamorphosis.

Day 4: Psalm 5:3; Luke 9:23

Think about a change you want to make. Ask God to help you understand the daily decisions it will take to make that change.

Day 5: Philippians 4:8

Compare your thoughts to the description in the verses above. How do you need to change? Remember you cannot change. But God can change your thoughts. So ask Him to bring Philippians 4:8 thoughts into your life each and every day.

Best Year Ever Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I pray that you would work in me that I might reflect you more.
I pray that you work for me that I may be blessed by you.
I pray that you work through me that I may be an instrument of your love and grace.
I give you permission to work in me, for me and through me according to your purpose
Amen