

Series: Change
Message: Make the Change

January 18, 2015

What we cover, God uncovers.

Proverbs 28:13a (NIV) *"He who conceals his sins does not prosper,"*

Blame, invite, Lie

What we uncover, God covers.

Proverbs 28:13b (NIV) *"...but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."*

CONFESSION

Psalm 32:3-5 (NIV) *5 Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD' and You forgave the guilt of my sin."*

1 John 1:9 (NIV) *9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

REPENTANCE

Romans 12:2 (NIV) *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."*

OBEDIENCE

Galatians 5:25 (NASB) *"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."*

Life Group Questions

For week of January 18, 2015

Welcome to winter session of Life groups! 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

What is one positive thing that happened this week?

What is one thing you would like to see God do in you, for you, or through you this session?

Going Deeper

What are some of the changes in your life you are the most excited about?

God is unchanging. He is also the God of Change.

Read Hebrews 6:17-19: what does this tell us about the nature of God?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16 and Colossians 3:7-10: What does this tell us about change?

Read 1 John 1:6-10

What does this passage tell us about honesty before God?

Read Romans 12:1-2

Why is repentance or turning away vital to real change?

What is the outcome if we do not change our mind?

Read Galatians 5:22-25

What is the result of living a new life of obedience to the Spirit?

Real change requires us to go all the way with confession, repentance, and obedience.

What step is the hardest for you?

What can you do this week to go all the way to make real change?

Devotional Readings for Week of January 18, 2015

Day 1: Numbers 23:19 & Malachi 3:6

How can you find comfort and strength in God's unchanging nature?

Day 2: 1 Timothy 5:24

Uncovering the things we want to change may be hard but God already knows, he is waiting for us to come into agreement with him.

Day 3: 1 John 1:8-2:2

Take time to find the freedom of uncovering your sin and experiencing the covering grace and forgiveness of God.

Day 4: Ephesians 3:20-21

What would life look like if you could just change that one thing? Would there be greater freedom? Would you finally be able to accomplish what you have dreamed of?

Day 5: 2 Corinthians 5:17; 20

Have you completely embraced the fact that you cannot change without God? Ask God to help you abandon your dependence on your own strength and learn to embrace his strength.

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