Series: Change

Message: Taking Hold January 25, 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."

End our efforts. Mark 5:24-29

Stop our shame. Mark 5:30-33

o Father of shame: Pride

Face your fear.

Deal with doubt. Mark 5:34

Talk hold of freedom. John 8:32; Psalm 32:5-8

Life Group Questions

For week of January 25, 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

Growing up, what were some of your favorite games you played?

Have you ever pretended to be someone else, if so who?

GOING DEEPER

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

What are some ways (our efforts) people use to cover up in there lives?

What are some things we throw at problems to make them better?

Read Mark 5:29-32

How has pursuing change in Christ caused you to have to fight through the crowd?

What are some things that hold us back from taking hold of change in Christ?

Why do you think Jesus asked, "who touched me"?

Shame is a powerful tool the enemy uses against us.

Read Mark 5:33-34

How does Jesus address her? What does this reveal about how Jesus looks at those who reach out to Him?

Read Psalms 32:7-9, Proverbs 3:5-6

What do these passages teach us about how God instructs us?

How has God instructed you in:

- Letting go of you efforts?
- Stopping shame?
- Facing doubt?
- · Taking hold of freedom?

Devotional Readings for Week of January 25, 2015

Day 1: Genesis 22:1-18

Is there anything you are holding on to that you would not let go of for God?

Day 2: 1 Timothy 5:24

Is pride keeping you from seeking God's change?

Day 3: Hebrews 4:16-17

Not because of who we are but because of who He is, not because of what we do but because of what He does, we can come boldly to the Father to take hold of Him.

Day 4: Psalms 32:1-11

Have you uncovered your life and experienced the supernatural covering of God?

Day 5: Proverbs 3:5-6

Daily allow God to direct your ways.

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