

40 Days of Real Change

Week 6 – Change

“Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” Philippians 1:6

“So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” 2 Corinthians 3:18

What does this process of change look like?

I. God uses Heat

i. Heat of difficulty

ii. Heat of distraction

II. Reveals our Heart

How do we make sure that we harvest good fruit and not thorns?

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.” Psalm 139:23-24

III. Points us to the Cross

i. We turn to God— by opening up our hearts to him for the first time

“Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

ii. We turn to God each day in faith and repentance

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.” Colossians 2:6

“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. ⁸ Don’t let anyone capture (abduct or kidnap) you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

⁹ For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.” Colossians 2:7-9

iii. Be aware of counterfeit gods - God

IV. Producing a harvest of delicious fruit in us.

How do we stay on track?

By living with an awareness for the necessity of the Gospel each day.

i. Share with a friend what touches your heart from each sermon

ii. Homegroups – share a prayer request which revolves around your heart

iii. Continue meeting up with partner doing bible reading & accountability for areas of struggle

iv. In personal reading – journal what you learn

v. Join Celebrate Recovery to help you continue working on an area of struggle

vi. Sign up for Stage 2 – Discovering Spiritual Maturity.

“Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:2-3

Homework: Draw your 3 trees diagram and track yourself round the trees.