

CHANGE IS OUR WAY

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CELL FORMAT

BREAKDOWN >>

//The goal of this lesson is to discuss True change. Here are a few scriptures to help you prepare for your discussion. Gal 2:20 Acts ch. 8-10

OPEN UP >>

//Have you changed since accelerate if so how!

NOTABLE QUOTE >>

// I focus on changing me not others, by changing myself I will change others

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OUT LOUD >>

// As Christians we are probably the biggest proponents of change. Our favorite thing to say is wow that changed my life. We can often be mistaken about what change actually is. We think change is just an act of the will. In reality this is only partially true. The truth is we have to align our will to Gods will or we could say align our will to the reality of the word of God. The fact is some people have a stronger more developed will than others. God knows this his word works for everyone. He designed a system to help us really change.

Here are 5 Keys to true change. These are based off the change we see in the Apostle Paul's life.

True change starts with an encounter with God.

Acts 9:17 *And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

Change is always preceded by a move of the holy-spirit. After you have experienced the holy-spirit than change will come. A move of the Holy-Spirit is not just something that happens at a camp or conference it can be in your prayer life. Or it could be a word from your past mentor or parents.

True change is facilitated by discipleship and submission

Acts 9:19 *So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.*

Who are you submitted to Paul went right to the disciples and submitted himself to them. It's important that we submit to our leaders. God place's people in our life who are wiser than ourselves. These people can help us from falling into the same traps that we fell into before.

True change has immediate action

Acts 9:20 *Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.*

Something should at least look different your my space, how you treat your parents, your conversation, and your witness.

True change is perfected and solidified by persecution

Acts 9:23 *Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him.*

Change hasn't been cemented in until you have suffered for that change. Persecution cements change. It's after someone mocks you for wanting to stay a virgin or choosing not to party, that your decision becomes real. It has now been tested by fire.

True change is proven over time

Acts 9:25-27 *26 And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus*

Change may have taken place but we don't know it until we see fruit. Often times when we change were upset that people don't immediately recognize the change. True change is proven over time. Things in the kingdom rarely

move fast. We must be patient with the call and gifts that God has given. We often disqualify ourselves early because we aren't patient.

PRAYER FOCUS >>

Salvation, Baptism of the Holy Spirit. What do you want to change in your school