

Follow up Questions from message on Sunday, June 25, 2017

Exchanged: Living Through the Spirit – Knowing the Outcomes

Reread Romans 12:1-9

If we know what the Holy Spirit is doing in us, it makes the learning curve so much easier. God is in the process of transforming our character to match that of Jesus.

1. What does our culture teach us about weakness? Why?
2. Pastor Jon mentioned that because of our baptism, our faith in Jesus, that we are not condemnable. What do you think that means?
3. How would you explain to someone the difference between following regulations or rules and walking according to the spirit?
4. A key take away from the message was that 'weakness is the Spirit's Ideal working environment.' When you found that to be true?
5. Paul shared with the church his encounter with Jesus as he prayed about a thorn that he couldn't overcome. He wrote: but he (Jesus) said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power[a] is made perfect (or is perfected) in weakness." - 2 Cor. 12: 9 Paul makes a connection between God's grace and power, how does it change your understanding of these terms (grace and power)?
6. Your area of major weakness is likely where the Holy Spirit wants to show up. How do you communicate your weaknesses to God?
7. The other key take away from the message was that Christ-like character is the Holy Spirit's final product. The transforming process that we go through as followers ends with the development of the character of Jesus within us. Does that surprise you?
8. Why would God prioritize this as a goal? What difference does Christ-like character make?
9. The fruit of the spirit is another way of describing Christ-like character. What is the supreme value of our faith?
10. What is an area of weakness you can share with the group that you think God may want to show up in a special way?