

TALK IT OVER

BEHIND THE CURTAIN The “C” Word – Week 2



Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up conversation among your group.

- Share as many phrases as possible that would be the opposite of POSITIVE CHANGE.

Read Mal. 3:6 and Heb. 13:8. These verses remind us of the unchanging nature of God.

- Name several attributes of God's character that will never change.
- How does knowing these absolutes about God affect our relationship with him?

Read Isa. 43:18-19. In this passage we are encouraged to consider the new ways God works.

- Give examples of the ways God's practices have changed with people from O.T. times, to the N.T. church, to the present.
- Why is it important for us as Christ followers to be open to change in our personal lives and in our church?
- Name at least one positive way the progressive, changing approach to ministry of our church has affected you.

Read John 15:1-2. We learn about God's pruning process in this passage.

- What pain might be associated with pruning in people's lives and in churches?
- What tools might God use to do his pruning?
- What is the purpose of pruning?
- How can this verse be applied to how we do church?

NEXT STEPS:

Here are some specific actions you can take this week concerning CHANGE.

Take a few minutes to create a list of all the changes that have taken place in your life since pursuing a relationship with God.

Consider all the positive ways that a progressive minded, changing church has impacted your life.

Take time this week to thank someone in your church leadership for the way their approach to CHANGE has impacted you.

Talk It Over with God:

- Confess the areas of your life that need to change (consider your relationship to God and others, career, finances, etc.).
- Ask God to show you the areas of your life that have changed, which should have remained consistent.
- Ask God for courage and strength to live out the changes He has shown you.
- Thank God for the leadership of your church as it relates to a progressive, changing ministry.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others in a Small Group. Connect at www.newpointe.org – small groups