



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Transformation & Transparency

2 Cor. 3:7 – 4:2

Life Group Questions

11/29/10

Getting Started

Sunday Pastor Jan talked about testimonies of transformation and how Christians often point to something they've historically been freed from; Drugs, alcohol, anger, etc. What would you point back to and say you were historically freed from?

1) Read II Corinthians 3:7-16. What does Paul mean when he said the law written on stone brought death? (Vs. 7, 9, & 14) In what ways do you see Christians walking with their glory veiled? Would you consider 'veiled glory' dead? Why or why not?

2) Pastor Jan talked about how walking as a 'veiled' Christian leads to several issues including; Pretense – Appearances – Hiddenness – Secrets/deception – Looking Good. (See II Cor. 4:2) Are there any others you would add to this list? Which of these 'veiled glory' temptations need to be renounced in your life? If the temptation to 'veil' Jesus' glory is real in our lives...now...then how often should we be seeking the transformation of God's Spirit? Pastor Jan said genuine 'Unveiled' transformation leads us to; Reality – Authenticity – Openness – Truth – Being good...the opposite of 'veiled' Christianity.

3) Read II Corinthians 3:17 – 4:1. Pastor Jan said, "True ministry is based on personal transformation; To the degree that God's Spirit has actually changed you into the image of Christ you have genuine ministry going on." Does this describe the freedom mentioned in verse 17? Why or why not? Pastor Jan talked about genuine transformation producing change. What were some of the ones he described in his message? If those are genuine in a believers life how is that genuine ministry?

Making It Real

Pastor Jan talked about how the Spirit is always speaking to our hearts about needed transformation so the question is; are we listening? Unveiled transformation is transparent. In what ways is the Spirit speaking to you about needed transformation in your life? Spend time praying for each other's transformational needs.