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Series: This Changes Everything

Message Title: One Step at a Time

Key Text: 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

Discussion Guide

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Mark Pettus kicked off the *This Changes Everything* series by focusing on what happens after salvation: discipleship. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we are reminded that in Christ we are made new! The old is gone, the new has come. But this new life is not the end of the journey. It is just the beginning. Discipleship is the process of becoming who God created us to be, growing into maturing and reflecting the image of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

Many of us feel pressure when we think about spiritual growth, but Pastor Mark reminded us that discipleship happens step by step. Just like a ship is filled piece by piece, so God forms us over time. We don't have to do everything at once; we just have to keep moving forward. Every step we take leads us to more of God's presence, freedom, and purpose.

In 2 Corinthians 3:16-18, we see the promise of discipleship. As we turn to the Lord, the veil is removed, giving us direct access to Him. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. As we continue to follow Him, we begin to reflect His glory, becoming part of His mission to reach others.

No matter where you are in your journey, God has more for you. The question is not whether God wants to move in your life. The question is whether you're willing to take the next step.

Make It Practical

1. Read Ephesians 4:13 and reflect on what it means to grow in Christ and become mature. What area of your life is God currently developing?
2. According to 2 Corinthians 3:17, freedom is found where the Spirit of the Lord is. Are there areas of your life where you are resisting God's boundaries instead of trusting Him?
3. As we grow, we begin to reflect who God is. Who in your life can you intentionally encourage or point toward Jesus this week?

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

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

Talk About It

1. What do you think God may have been saying to you through this message?
2. Pastor Mark emphasized that growth happens one step at a time. What is one clear next step you can take this week in your relationship with God?
3. Where are you looking for freedom outside of God’s design? What would it look like to trust His way instead?

Prayer

God, thank You for making me new in Christ and inviting me into a relationship with You. Thank You that I don’t have to grow all at once, but that You are shaping me step by step. Help me to trust Your process, to walk in the freedom You provide, and to reflect Your love to others. Show me my next step and give me the courage to take it. In Jesus’ name. Amen.