

Change Points!

Week Two – Confrontation

Memory Verse: Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. (Jesus – Mt. 16:24, The Message Translation)

Video introduction by Pastor Steve

Recap of week two "Change Points!" message:

- Confrontation: We get information. What will we do?
- God confronts:
 - Abram (Genesis 12:1-4)
 - Moses (Exodus 3)
 - David (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
 - Disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)
 - Saul/Paul (Act 9:1-19)
- At change points God confronts us with truth and asks that we respond. (Mt. 16:24)
- The church was birthed and grows by confrontation. (Acts 2:36-41)
- Next Step:
 - Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. (Jesus – Rev. 3:20)

Questions to explore:

1. In the home you grew up in was confrontation something that was avoided or understood potentially valuable? As you entered the adult world was confrontation something you avoided at all costs, put up with, or pursued?
2. Share one experience in which confrontation turned out to be a positive and life changing experience.
3. Our culture assumes that people can choose Jesus if they want; that no response is required. How does the biblical truth that God confronts us in order to save us, and asks us to respond, change how we think about God's relationship with us?
4. Read Acts 9:1-19. How did Jesus confront Saul? Was Jesus' intent to harm or save Saul? How did Saul respond? How did Jesus reward Saul for his response?
(See verses 17-19)

Challenge question:

- When we understand that as followers of Jesus Christ, God's Holy Spirit is utilizing all the pressure points in our lives to reveal God's truth and call us to respond and experience change; pressure points become change points.
- Share one of the following with your group: 1) Share the confrontation with the truth about Jesus that led you to respond and believe, 2) Share the story of a confrontation in which Jesus revealed his truth about a situation in your life that led you to positive and important change.