

Series: Firsthand by Josh and Ryan Shook

Sermon: Change!

Primary Texts: Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18

Discussion guide:

- What is the difference between justification and sanctification?
- Read Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 3:18.
 - What are these verses saying about Christians?
- Why is the transformation process discouraging at times?
- Read Romans 7:15.
 - What is Paul saying?
 - It is estimated that Paul wrote this letter roughly 24 years after he was converted. What does this tell you about the transformation process?
- Why and how do some people see their Christianity as a performance?
 - How is this secondhand instead of firsthand faith?
 - How can this cause some to leave the faith?
 - How can this cause some to remain in the faith but put their faith somewhere other than Christ?
- What does it mean to “be still and know that He is God”?
 - Why is this hard for us?
 - Why is silence important? (see Isaiah 30:15; Psalms 62:1-6)
 - Why is solitude important? (see Matthew 6:6; Mark 1:25; Luke 4:42)
 - how will this help us find a renewal of mind that will help transform us?
- What does it mean to “let God be God”?
 - Read Psalms 112:1,7
 - What does this tell us about letting God be God?
 - Skim through Exodus 4 and find all the excuses Moses makes when God asks him to go to Egypt.
 - Read Exodus 14:14.
 - How has Moses changed?
 - What role did obedience play in this change?
 - How can obeying God and trusting Him in worry help to renew your mind that will help transform us?