

Message Discussion

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This Changes Everything // One Step Changes Everything

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Scripture: Colossians 1:9-14

Welcome & Connection

On Sunday, Pastor Marty shared that he started making a list of 10 things he wanted to work on in his life. The problem? His list has already grown to 26 things and counting!

- Would making a list like that encourage you or discourage you? Why?
- Are you someone who loves making lists, or do lists tend to overwhelm you?

Questions

1. A Worthy Walk – Bearing Fruit

Healthy fruit begins with healthy roots. Sometimes the most important things God is doing in our lives are happening beneath the surface, long before anyone else can see them.

Discuss:

- Where have you seen evidence of spiritual growth in your life over the past year?
- What is one area of your life where you want to see more fruit?
- What habits or relationships are helping your roots grow deeper?

2. A Knowledgeable Walk – Keep Growing

Paul prays that believers would grow in their knowledge of God. But knowing God is about more than gathering information. Knowledge helps us know what God says, understanding helps us know why, and wisdom helps us put it into practice.

Discuss:

- What's something you've learned about God recently that has changed the way you live?
- Where is the gap between what you know and what you're actually doing?
- What is one practical way you could grow in your relationship with God this week?

3. One Step Changes Everything

We ended Sunday with the Next Steps Survey. The goal wasn't simply to collect information. It was to help each of us consider where we are in our walk with Jesus and what our next step might be.

We don't have to take every step today. But we can take one.

Discuss:

- As you completed the survey, was there anything that surprised or challenged you?
- What is one next step you believe God is inviting you to take?
- How could this small group help you take that step?

Closing Prayer

Take time to pray for one another. Ask God to help each person recognize their next step and have the courage to take it.

Challenge for the week

Don't just identify your next step. Take it.