



FROM THE BIBLE
Proverbs 23:7a (NKJV)
John 8:44b-45 (NLT)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Think *who* before *do*.

1. Joel started out this message by talking about a failed home improvement project that he put off fixing for over 3 years. Do you have any home improvement or “DIY” projects that you’ve been putting off? If not, is there any area of your life that you procrastinate?
2. The point of the opening story is that Joel didn’t fix his failed home improvement project because in his mind, he’s not very good at those types of things. Would you say that your thoughts share a connection to your actions? If so, can you give an example?
3. Discuss this idea from the message, *you do what you do because of what you think of you*. Read Proverbs 23:7a (NKJV) to add to the discussion.
4. When we are faced with a decision, we typically run through the following 3 subconscious thoughts very quickly before proceeding : *what type of person am I? what kind of situation is this? what does someone like me do in this type of situation?* Can you discuss a few situations or scenarios where we may use this to arrive at a decision?
5. The idea of this entire series is to inspire us to make the changes that God + we want to see in our lives. With that in mind, discuss this line from the message, *if you want to change what you do, change what you think of you?* Read Jesus’ words in John 8:44-45 (NLT) to add to the discussion.
6. When you think about yourself, would you say that you find it easier to believe the bad things than the good things? What impact can that play in your life?
7. At the end of John 8:45, Jesus says, *when I tell the truth, you just naturally don’t believe me* (because we are convinced by the devils lies). What do you think Jesus thinks about when He thinks about you? (Hint · consider the sacrifice He made on the cross)
8. The Apostle Peter was originally known as Simon which can be translated as *shifty* (and he had some *shifty* behavior if you know much about him). But Jesus renamed him Peter which can be translated as *rock*. How does that imagery paint the contrast of how we often see ourselves versus how Jesus sees us?
9. What is your 1 takeaway from the message and/or discussion?