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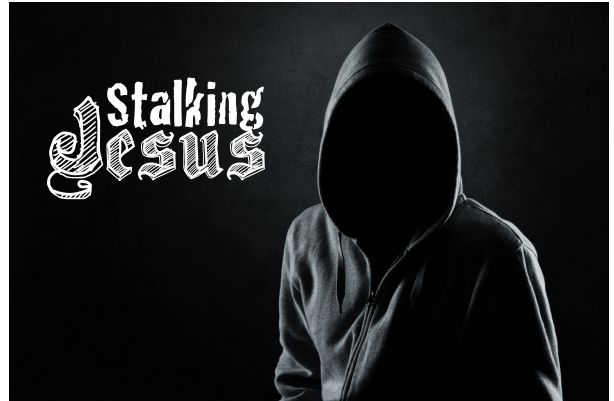
bigIdea small group discussion

Most of us have a tendency to pray about things we can't change while ignoring the things we can change. What if you flipped that? We'll look at how your life - and the world -- can change for the better if you ask God to change you, and surrender the rest to God.

**BIG IDEA:** When you ask God to change you, things change.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do most people you know tend to talk about things they can change (their habits, character and attitude) or things they can't change (the weather, the economy, other people)? Why do you think that is?
2. In the message, Chris said that one of the reasons it feels like God doesn't hear our prayers is because we focus on things we can't change instead of focusing on what we can change. If you were to audit your prayer life, would you discover that you focus more on what you can change or what you can't?
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Romans 12:9-20.* In what ways does Paul focus on things that are within our control?
4. To what extent do you think you still need to change (improve) your attitude, habits and character when it comes to the wide range of subjects in Romans 12:9-20?
5. What would happen to our society if everyone started living out this passage? How would your family, your workplace, your neighborhood, the country and the world change?



## GOING DEEPER

1. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Romans 12:9-21.* How does this section disclose what Paul means in verses 1-2?
2. How does your dedication and worship to God show up in your relationships with others (the poor, outsiders, your enemies, those suffering)?
3. How are love (v.9) and peace (v.18) the general rules out of which all of the rest of these examples flow? This week, how can you practice love and peace with your family? Co-workers? Community Group? Church?
4. Of the commands listed in verses 9-21, which two are easiest for you to keep? Which two are the most difficult? Why?
5. If you could have three wishes for oneChurch.tv, what would they be? What can you do now to make these wishes come true?

## MOVING FORWARD

This week, pray through Romans 12:9-20 every time you pray. Ask God to change your response to the things around you so your responses reflect what the passage describes. This will be tough work, but keep praying until you see your character change. When you ask God to change you, things change.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."* Romans 12:9-10