



Week 13- “Enchanted Thorns”

In this series we are asking the questions: Why do we not change sometimes? Why as Christians do we have a hard time growing and bearing the fruit that comes from the Gospel? We are discovering that all of us have weeds and thorns that get stuck in our hearts that are choking out the seed of the Gospel and the life and fruit in it. In this week’s message, we look at another primary thorn that can be more stubborn and truly keep us from the growth we are longing for.

1. What stood out to you from the message?

Read Ephesians 6:10-17

2. Is there an area in your life that you feel stuck?

3. Do you feel like there is an area of your life or a thorn stuck that you can’t overcome?

4. What are the things you have tried as a means to overcome?

5. What would it mean to you to overcome this area of your life?

Read Ephesians 2:1-5

6. What does it say about God’s love for you that He sent Jesus to overcome the enemy and pay for our sins, and the sins committed against us?

7. Have you considered that the enemy might have a foothold in your life?

8. Where might you have given the enemy a foothold?

9. Why is it important to consider this?

10. What do you think it practically looks like to engage the Holy Spirit in helping you see if the thorns that are stuck are a result of the enemy at work?

In next week's message we discover more of the armor and how each piece helps us take a stand against the enemy. Before we get there Paul makes it clear that we can stand, not in our own strength or ability, but we can stand in Christ. On the Cross Christ overcame death, sin, shame, the enemy so that we could walk in freedom and stand against the schemes of the devil.