

Change Your Mind: Change your Life Matt. 7:1-12

Ice Breaker: Do you like or despise change? Why?

It was shared that: "In every change there is a crisis and a process. If you fail in the process, you have to return to the crisis." James MacDonald Could it be, if you hate change that you hate the crisis?

Remember you don't have to keep learning the same lesson if you just do the stuff that you have already learned. How does this happen? Read Rom 12:2 Renewing your mind.

OLD mind-work on others; NEW mind - work on ME. Read Matt 7:1-5

Compare v1 and v20 - Are we not to judge period? Verse 1 means that we should not judge things that you cannot possibly see or know. If you can't measure it or see it, don't judge it.

- The fact that the splinter and the wood are a piece of wood implies what? (v3) What faults do you usually see in others? Is this really a reflection of what you are like? "If you want to see what you need to work on, take a look at the faults that you see in others?"
- The point: Work first on you.

OLD mind - too open or too secret with the things of God; NEW mind- to be led by the Spirit of God. Read verse 6.

- React to this: There are some that you should not share the Gospel with. (Look at Acts 16:7)
- Relying on the Holy Spirit to lead you is huge. What should we be doing to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading? (Prayer, Keeping things close, Sharing things freely)

OLD mind - I am my source; NEW mind - God is my source. Read verses 7-11.

- Where do you discover God's mind?
- Discuss this: The less trust in God you have the more you will worry. The more trust you have in God the less fear and anxiety you will have. What are some of the things that you worry about? Ps 20:7
 - How do you know how dependent you are on God? (How much do you ask ,seek and knock?) Take a look at Phil 4:6-7. This is how you get rid of anxiety.

OLD mind - God first; NEW mind - God first, others first. Read verse 12

- God blesses us not to bless us alone, but to be conduits of His blessing.
- How is our group going to bless others?

Intercede for:

Our church - pray for the leadership team as we go through this transition to become Harvest Bible Chapel, Cleveland NE

Our community - Again, pray about this: How is your group going to bless others?

Our world - Pray that in all that seems like turmoil in our world, that people will become desperate and see their need of a Savior.