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Message Series: Disciples Who Make Disciples

Today's Message: Preparing For Change: Getting Equipped

A Disciple: Follows Jesus... Is _____ by Jesus... Joins Jesus on His Mission.

Philippians 1:9, 10 "And I pray this... that you can determine what really matters."

Ephesians 4:12, 13 "... to prepare (equip) God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

John 13:35 "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Preparing For Change: Getting Equipped ~ "Lord, Radically _____ Me!"

1. Take Out The Garbage:

"Tried" - "Failed" - " _____ " —> "Hopeless!!"

Truth: True life change comes only thru _____ with God and begins by rejecting all self-centered change methods.

Faulty Change Methods: "Environment" - "My Past" - "Self Discovery" - "Legalism"

Romans 7:23 "... war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin..."

Romans 7:24 Paul—"Wretched man that I am!"

"Wretched" - "distressed, miserable thru _____": Paul trying to change himself.

Romans 7:25 "Thanks be to God thru Jesus Christ our Lord!"

2. Take In The Gospel: With Knife-like Clarity & Sharpness Allow It To Penetrate

Romans 3:22, 24 "This righteousness from God comes thru faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe... and are justified freely by His grace thru the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

The Point of this Gospel Knife:

* Christ's Work—Not ours added to His

* Clarity—To be _____ is to be blunted—no sharpness—no deep penetration

Ephesians 2:8, 9 "For it is by grace you have been saved, thru faith— and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast."

2 Corinthians 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation..."

3. Sign Me Up: (Moses, Paul, Woman at Well, Matthew)

Reality: For life change to happen, we must commit to full cooperation with God's desire to transform us.

James 3:2 “We all stumble in many ways.”

Romans 6:16 “Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey...”

Three Doors:

1. Blank Door
2. Barrier Door
3. Blood Door