

SERMON SERIES: Flip the Switch
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Key Line

Allow God to renew your mind over and over by setting your mind on things above.

Introduction

Improving a relationship with God isn't just about behavior. To understand our behavior, we have to decide why we do what we do. What is the underlying motivation for it?

Seek the Word

Read Romans 12:2.

- Paul tells us to be renewed through the renewing of our minds. If we keep thinking the same thoughts, we will keep doing the same things. Give some examples of how you have seen this happen in your life.

Scott suggested some ways to allow God to transform our hearts and minds:

- Wage war on thoughts that are not from God. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What are some strongholds that we use to excuse ourselves from obeying God? (*Suggestions: 1. My situation is unique. 2. God wants me to be happy. We lose sight of the fact that God wants us to be holy, not happy. 3. If I only had ____, then I'd be satisfied. 4. My secret is safe with me.*)
- The negative thoughts we think create negative feelings in us. Choose to think excellent thoughts. Read Philippians 4:8. What kind of things should we think about to allow God to transform us? (*What is true, what is noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy.*)
- Set your mind on the desires of God. How can we replace the old thoughts that hold us back with things that allow God to transform us? Read Colossians 3:2. Give concrete examples from your own life. (*Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things and personal examples.*)

Talk About It

Until you have the desire to allow transformation in your life, you won't allow it to happen. How can your group help each other allow God's transformation this week?

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