

Ephesians Part 5 - Transformed

March 6, 2022 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

- Icebreaker question: Have you ever gone through a radical transformation in your appearance or life situation? What happened? How did you and others in your life feel about it?
- The sermon focused on the transformation that happens through a relationship with Jesus. What do you remember about each of the main points? What stood out to you or impacted you?
- Read Zechariah 3:1-7 (this is a prophetic vision that God gave to Zechariah about a high priest named Joshua)
 - What was Joshua wearing in the vision? What did this represent? (see Revelation 3:4-5 and Revelation 19:7-8)
 - Why would it be alarming for the high priest for the whole nation to be depicted this way?
 - What was Satan doing in the vision? Why was he doing this? (See Revelation 12:9-10. Also, have someone use a phone to look up the origin of the word "devil" in an online dictionary)
 - Were Satan's accusations about Joshua true?
 - What was the Lord's response to Satan?
 - What did it mean that Joshua was a "burning stick snatched from the fire"?
 - In what ways did God transform Joshua?
 - What was done about Joshua's clothing? What does this represent?
 - What does God expect of Joshua now that he is clean? (see v. 7)
 - In what way does Zechariah's vision give us hope for our own lives?
 - What should we do if we are feeling ashamed and condemned? (see John 5:24, Romans 8:1, James 5:16, and Acts 3:19)
- Read Ezekiel 36:25-28 (this is a prophecy that was fulfilled after Jesus was resurrected and poured the Holy Spirit out on the church)
 - What changes were promised in this prophecy?
 - What would the Holy Spirit do in people's hearts?
 - What does this look like today?
- Read Romans 12:2-3
 - According to this passage, how can we experience transformation?
 - What do we need to be aware of for this transformation to happen? (see Romans 12:1)
 - How should we view ourselves?
 - Read Psalm 139:23-24. In what ways can this prayer help you in your walk with God?
- Spend some time in prayer. Thank God for all He has done to transform you. Ask that the Holy Spirit's power continue to transform you, helping you live in a way that honors God and leads others to Him.