

Helping Others Change

Week 2-Instruments in the Hands of the Redeemer

Group Discussion

1. Last week we talked about the fact that our main problem is sin. How does knowing that your main problem is sin help you to find your only place for true change and growth?
2. Who has been called and equipped to do the work of the ministry at Cornerstone?

Review

Week 2

3. The non-believing culture's view of the process of change and growth
4. The church culture's view of the process of change and growth
5. Ephesians 4:11-16
 - a. What does this passage say is the job of pastors? Does this line up with what most people think is the job of pastors?
 - b. What does this say is the role of all of God's people? Does this line up with what most Christians think is the job of all of God's people?
 - c. What is the goal of the work of the ministry?
 - d. What happens when each part of the body is working properly?

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Tripp, Paul David. *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change* (P & R Publishing: Phillipsburg, NJ, 2002).

6. "God transforms people's lives as people bring his word to other's" (Tripp, 21).

7. God's word brings transformational power.

a. Isaiah 55:10-13

b. Hebrews 4:11-13

8. The Bible as encyclopedia vs. the Bible as story

9. Three Grand Themes of God's Story that Equip for Change

a. God's Sovereignty

b. God's Grace

c. God's Glory

10. Application