

How to change the world –Part 1

Extended Verse Study:

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.”
Colossians 1:15**

2017 Motto:

It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Sermon Title:

How to change the world – part 1

Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

1: Read Colossians -1:15

2: Read 1st Corinthians 12:27

3: Read Matthew 5:13

4: Read 2nd Corinthians 3:18

5: Read John 3:30

6: Read Romans 14:17

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. From your perspective does the world need change? Why or why not.
2. Pastor Steve said, “The change that is needed is not in society but in soul...change in society will only be realized in a healthy way, if healthy change in the soul leads.” Explain why you agree or disagree?
3. Name an example of change in society. How is change in society different from change in someone's soul?
4. As Christians, we believe the hope of the world's problems and answer to the change needed is Jesus Christ. If the “Church” is the agency of Jesus to provide the answer for the soul's change and then bring society change which will change the world, who is the agency?
5. Pastor Steve said, “The world needs the living good news of the Gospel of Jesus, actively lived out in billions of Christians lives all over the world...the active life of a Christian lived out being engaged living the Christian faith out.” What is an example of passively and actively living out the Christian faith?
6. Read Colossians 1:15. What part do you play in actively changing the world?
7. Pastor Steve, said, “The church will ultimately remain impotent to influence the culture as long as we are preoccupied with our individual agendas.” Why is it important to recognize we are all together Christ body as 1st Corinthians 12:27 states and must actively live out faith for others to know God (Colossians 1:15)? Read Matthew 5:13.

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

How to change the world:

- **Recognize the hope of the world and answer for the world's problems is Jesus Christ.**
- **The agency Jesus uses to spread the hope is the Church**
- **The church needs to repent of individualism and redeem its covenantal collective mission**
- **Church is not a building but every believer in and follower of Christ**
- **Each Christian is a member of the collective body of Christ aka Church**
- **The hope of the world is each Christian actively lives out his or her faith in following Jesus as one body of believers called to be His visible image to those who don't know He Him personally**