

Character

Character is the will to do what is right, as God defines right, regardless of the cost.

What's Our Part of the Deal? (Philippians 2:12)

1. Realize that God is at work in you.
 - A. To bring about His good purposes.
2. So what is He doing?
 - A. He's renewing us.
 1. *Colossians 3:9-10*
 2. *Ephesians 4:23*
 3. *2 Corinthians 4:16*

What Does that Look Like?

1. Renewing: A two- step process. (Romans 12:2)
 - A. Take off what is old.
 - B. Put on what is new.

So What Happens When We RENEW?

1. We see things differently.
2. You become able.
3. Renewal also breaks down our resistance to God's rule.

MEDITATION / APPLICATION

Please Note: If you are interested in getting involved in a Crossroads Community Group, please visit www.crossroadschurchaustin.com and choose Get Connected.

1. Be sure to spend time tonight asking the following 4C's questions!
 - a. Are you spending time alone with God reading the Bible and praying? What is God speaking to your heart?
 - b. What sin are you fighting right now? Where are struggling? Where are you having success?
 - c. When it comes to contributing:
 - i. Are you using your natural talents and spiritual gifts to love others and love God? If not, why not?
 - ii. Are you contributing a portion of your income to God's kingdom? If not, why not?
 - iii. How well are you managing your time? Anything out of whack?
 - d. Who are you intentionally praying for to know Christ?
 - i. Who has God put in your path to befriend?
 - ii. Who is God asking you to invest in relationally?
 - iii. When was the last time you shared your faith story? How did that go?
2. Begin by asking how "abiding" in Christ has been going these past two weeks.
3. Next, how have you seen God at work in your life recently?
4. As we think about the fact that God is always at work, and especially in us, why is our tendency to focus on the outside (temporal) stuff, rather than the inside stuff.
5. Discuss the practice of RENEWING. What does it mean? What does renewing look like in your life? Is there an area of your life that you are currently doing this in?
6. As you think about God's Word, is there something that seemed ridiculous to 6 months or a year ago, that has slowly began to make sense?

