



THEME:

Growing & Climbing to Real Life > Colossians 2:6-7 & 3-11 & 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

CONVERSATION:

1. Do you have any experience with > your affection for someone or something changing where you look & how you think?
 - a. Did that also eventually change what you “do” (actions) as well?
2. What’s the biggest hurdle for us in trying to “set our sights” & “think about” those things that are deeply right - that build God’s kingdom instead of ours?
 - a. If you’ve made it over those “hurdles” even for a little bit > how did you do it - what helped you get there?
3. Look at 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 one more time >

But whenever someone turns to (trusts) the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

- A. How hard is it to see spiritual growth in our own life?
 - a. Why is it so much easier to see our struggles?
- B. If you’ve been able to recognize growth & change in your life > what helped you see it?
 - a. What role do we play in pointing out growth in the lives of those around us?
- C. Are you someone that needs to see big, quick changes in order to be satisfied > or can you handle the incremental - ‘more & more’ growth that we usually see?
 - a. How can we be more grateful for the slow ‘more & more’ type growth in our lives?
 - i. Why would this be important?

RESPOND:

> Take time to pray for & encourage each other >

- Commit to encouraging your friends about the cool things you see God doing in their lives.
- Take time this week to look back (with gratitude) at the story God’s written with your life.
 - Thank him for specific ways you’ve grown in him.