

BE THE CHANGE: Studies in Repentance
Week 2: Metamorphosis
June 14th, 2020

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict
		Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

Our study this week is entitled Metamorphosis. Describe something that you have witnessed go through a dramatic change or transformation...(it might be a person, a place, a thing, etc.)

INTRODUCTION

This week we continue in our new series ***Be the Change: Studies in Repentance***. Real change happens through repentance but it's important to understand what repentance really is. Our study this week looks at transformation versus modification. Using Acts 2:32-41 as our biblical narrative, our focus is on ***Metamorphosis***. As our story is shared, consider how metamorphosis relates to the biblical concept of repentance.

Bible Storytelling: Acts 2:32-41

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at Acts 2:32-41 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- **Are you familiar with the biological process of metamorphosis? If someone in your group had a good understanding, please share what it is and how it works.**
- **How does metamorphosis relate to the Biblical concept of repentance that Peter talks about in verse 38?**
- **What role does repentance play in salvation? How does repentance lead to "new life" in Christ?**
- **This week we talked about "Complete Metamorphosis" vs. "Incomplete Metamorphosis." Which one do you think you have experienced?**
- **How might you take a next step of surrender to the work of God's Holy Spirit in your life?**
- **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.