

Changing Prayer- June 1st Outline

- I. Introduction to "Life Changing Prayer" series

- II. Most prayers are not life-changing
 - A. Often ask God for things He's already promised
 - B. Scripture references on God's provision
 1. Matthew 6:30-33
 2. Philippians 4:19

- III. David's prayer in Psalm 139:23-24
 - A. Four distinctive parts of the prayer
 1. "Search my heart"
 2. "Reveal my fears"
 3. "Uncover my sins"
 4. "Lead me"

- IV. "Search my heart"
 - A. Why ask God to search our heart
 - B. The deceitfulness of the human heart (Jeremiah 17:9)

- V. "Reveal my fears"
 - A. Identifying anxious thoughts
 - B. What we fear most reveals where we trust God least

- VI. "Uncover my sins"

- A. Difficulty in seeing our own sins
- B. Three self-awareness questions
 1. What are others trying to tell me?
 2. What have I rationalized?
 3. Where am I most defensive?

- VII. Confession

- A. Types of confession
 1. To God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9)
 2. To people for healing (James 5:16)
- B. Importance of accountability and life groups

- VIII. "Lead me"

- A. God's faithfulness in leading to everlasting life
- B. Transformation through Christ

- IX. Conclusion

- A. Reflection on areas needing God's searching
- B. Invitation for non-believers to follow Christ