**Sustaining Revival:  A Study on Ephesians**

**Lesson 13 “The Renewed Life”**

I.  Introduction - We are studying the book of the *Ephesians*focusing on how to sustain revival.

A.  The revival in Ephesus was the largest new testament reveal recorded in *Acts.*Over 100,000 people were saved in a city the size of Greensboro within two years.  Ephesus became a revival center in the first century.  Multiple churches were planted out of this church including all 7 churches in the book of *Revelation*.

B.  Paul wrote this letter to the church in Ephesus in A.D. 60 about five years later to establish them in truth after the goosebumps had worn off so they could have a sustained experience with God and continue to increase in person revival.

C.  The first three chapters of *Ephesians*focus onpositional truth (who we are in Christ, seated in heavenly places, how much God loves us, etc).  The last three chapters of***Ephesians***focusonpractical application or how we should live based out of who we are.

* 1. ***Ephesians 4-6***describe what God’s kingdom looks like when it comes to the earth.
  2. Tonight, we are going to talk about the new man or renewed man.  This will answer the question, how do I live the Christians life?  We will look at what the life of the renewed man looks like.
  3. **Transformed lives are the key to sustaining transformed communities.**

II. The Renewed Man

1. **Ephesians 4:17-24 Renewed in the Spirit of the Mind**
2. We can have the life of God inside of us and become alienated from it based on what we think.  It’s there, but our focus gets off so we think it’s not there.  This makes us like a gentile (unbeliever).
3. ***Verse 18***says our understanding can get darkened.  Light comes when embrace the word of God.
   1. **Psalms 19:1-9**Comparison of the sun and torah (word of God).  The word of God enlightens man just as the sun lightens the heavens.
   2. Both the sun and word of God testify of their creator.  God’s word brings light.
4. ***Verses 23-24***Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. 
   1. Renewed means to renovate.  Ex: Fixer Upper, Property Brothers
   2. The renovated mind leads to the renovated or renewed life.
   3. Marcus story (spirit of the mind, not the letter of the law).
   4. ***Verse 24***Our spirit was created in righteousness and true holiness - it’s just like Jesus.  It’s not going to be more like Jesus.  It’s like Jesus now.  Our mind is in the process of becoming like Jesus and as it does it will influence our actions.
5. ***Verses 21-22***As our mind is renewed, we are to put on the new man (new way of life).  It’s not a feeling, it’s a faithing (sometimes you feel it and sometimes you don’t).  You put on the new man like you put on a new pair of clothes.  You take it out of the drawers (spirit) and put in on your body (flesh).  In order to do this you must acknowledge you already have the life of God in you.  **Galatians 5:22-23.**
   * + 1. We do this by studying the word and reminding ourselves of who we are.
       2. Often, we must declare truth over ourselves to reprogram our mind and get our emotions in line so we can obey.
6. **Ephesians 4:25-32 Examples of the Renewed Man (Comparison of living in darkness and living in light)**
7. ***Verse 25***Speak the truth because we are members of one another (one body).  Why would I lie to myself or Jesus?
8. ***Verse 26-27*** quotation of***Psalm 4:3***.  We can experience feelings of wrath and choose not to sin when we renew our mind and bring our flesh under control.
9. ***Verse 28***The renewed man doesn’t work to meat his needs (that’s assumed).  He works to provide for others.  The renewed man has a God sized vision that is beyond himself.
10. ***Verse 29***The renewed man isn’t just trying to not say bad/bitter stuff.  He recognizes his words build.  **Hebrews 11:3.**The renewed man builds a better world through declaration.
11. ***Verses 30-31***The renewed man doesn’t grieve the Holy Spirit by living in sin because we were sealed with the Holy Spirit.
12. ***Verse 32 -***The renewed man forgives because he is forgiven, not in order to be forgiven.  Comparison with **Matthew 6:14-15.**

III.  Conclusion - The way we live the renewed life is through the power of the renewed mind.  We must be intentional to renew it daily.  As we do, our life will be transformed. **The transformed life is what sustains the transformed community!**

1. Pray Closing Prayer
2. Call Up Prayer Team