

The Power to Change
Sermon Based Discussion (April 21, 2013)
Sermon Series: Making Change

WARM UP

1. Have you ever distinctly changed your hair style? What made you decide to do so? (and how'd it go?)

People change. Sometimes people make a distinct change to their appearance, or even their personality. But most know that such changes are outward changes.

But to change on the inside—who we really are—those are some of the most important, and hardest, changes we need to make. Have you sought the power to make deep, soul-change?

In this session, we consider the story of Naaman, who sought God's power to change. We will learn how we can find God's power to change for our lives.

INTO THE BIBLE
(Read 2 Kings 5:1-19)

2. What instructions did Elisha give Naaman to for becoming healed and clean?

3. Why did Naaman become upset at these instructions?

UNDERSTANDING

4. Naaman's leprosy overshadowed all his positive accomplishments. How can one thing tip the scales that much about how one looks at life?

5. Why did Naaman want to give Elisha a gift? And why did Elisha refuse it?

6. Why did Naaman ask for loads of earth to take home with him?

7. Does relying on God's power to change us mean we can simply sit and wait? (What does Naaman's story teach us about the relationship of relying on God's power and obedience?)

DIFFERENCE

8. What happens if a Christian tries to rely on themselves instead of God?

9. What is one thing life that you sometimes feel outweighs all the positive accomplishments?

APPLICATION

10. What is a change you have been trying to make but have not had the power or success to do so? List 3 ways you can apply this passage to that situation.

11. Is there something you're trying to pay God back for? How can you apply this passage to your situation?

FOR REFLECTION

"... Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel..."
(2 Kings 5:15, ESV)