

Fixer Upper - Week 1 "Time to Renovate"

Read 2 Cor. 5: 1-5, 16-17

- Do you like doing home renovations, or do you just prefer to watch home reno shows, or neither?
- How are we made new by being "in Christ?"
- How, and why are we all "fixer-uppers?"

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19

- Do we understand that God lives in, or at least wants to live in, you?
- How does God's presence lead to our renovation?

Rob pointed out that there are three ways we can respond to our run-down spiritual homes:

1. Resignation
 2. Relocation
 3. Renovation
- Do you believe that you can be spiritually "renovated?"

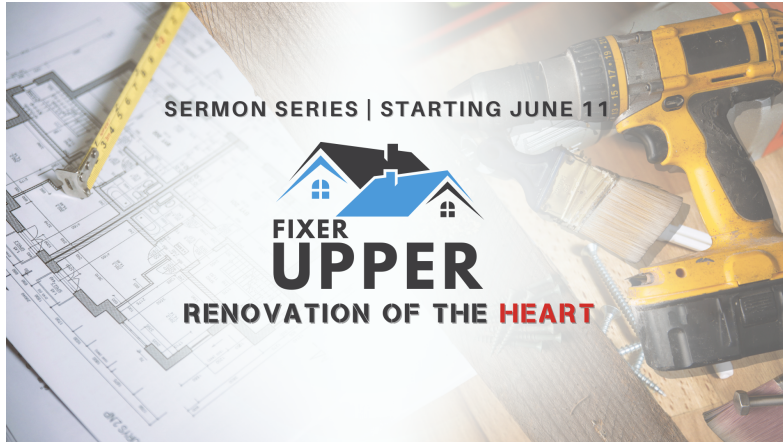
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Rob pointed out that this message says ANYONE can be new. That renovation of the world is an inside job that begins with, to quote Dallas Willard, "the renovation of the heart." Rob then pointed out that EVERYONE is spiritually formed in some way, and that the goal of renovation is to be remodelled into the likeness of Jesus.

- Do you recognize, or had you considered, that everyone is spiritually formed? What are some ways we become spiritually formed, and can be spiritually re-formed or renovated?

Rob pointed out the following renovations tips:

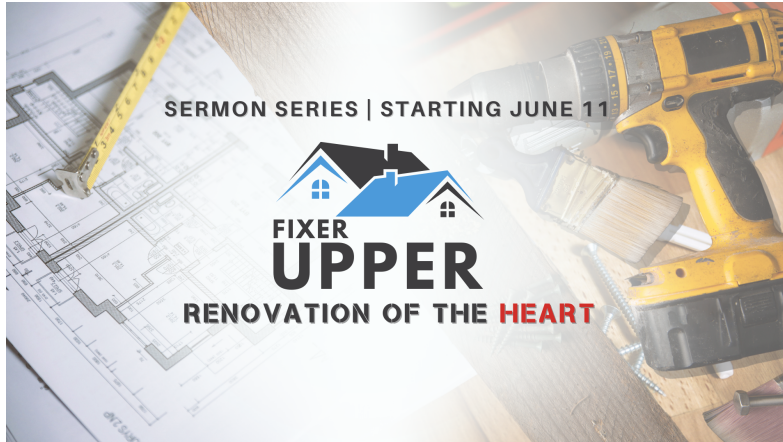
1. Make the Decision: Does your spiritual life need work? Are you ready to commit to that process? What does that commitment look like for you?
2. Get Help: What people do you have in life to help you with your spiritual formation?
3. Prepare for the Worst: How can we make sure we don't "gloss over" some of the work God wants to do in our lives?
4. Take Your Time: Spiritual renovation take a lifetime. How can you get started?



Fixer Upper - Week 2 "Counting the Cost"

Read Mark 8:31-38

- How do you feel about Jesus calling you to take up your cross? What is Jesus referring to when he talks about "your cross?"
- What does it cost us to be followers of Jesus?
- Are there any hidden costs in being a follower? Are there tough choices to be made?
- What does it mean to deny ourselves?
- What is the benefit of self-denial?
- How can we benefit others by following Jesus / denying ourselves?
- How are we empowered to complete this journey?



Fixer Upper - Week 3 "Renewing our Mind"

Read: Romans 12: 1-3

1. Where should we start in doing a spiritual renovation?

Rob pointed out that a spiritual renovation begins in our minds. Why? Do you agree with Proverbs 4:23: "Above all, be careful what you think because your thoughts control your life."

2. Rob pointed out that our mind is a battleground. (Romans 7:22-23) How so? Are you aware of this? How do we get equipped to fight this battle?

3. Do you think that you can control your thoughts? How do we invite / empower the Holy Spirit to govern our minds?

Rob pointed out that to be transformed we need to rip out wrong: IDEAS, IMAGES, and INFORMATION

IDEAS

4. What wrong ideas need to go? Why are ideas so hard to change? Satan deceived Eve by presenting her with an idea: the idea that God couldn't be trusted (Genesis 3) "Did God really say(?)"

5. What kind of ideas do Christians hold today that are in conflict with the world's ideas? How was Jesus' "idea" of the Kingdom of God a revolutionary idea?

IMAGES

6. Why are images important? What factors affect our self image? How do people develop a poor self-image? How does Genesis 1:27 correct our self image? "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

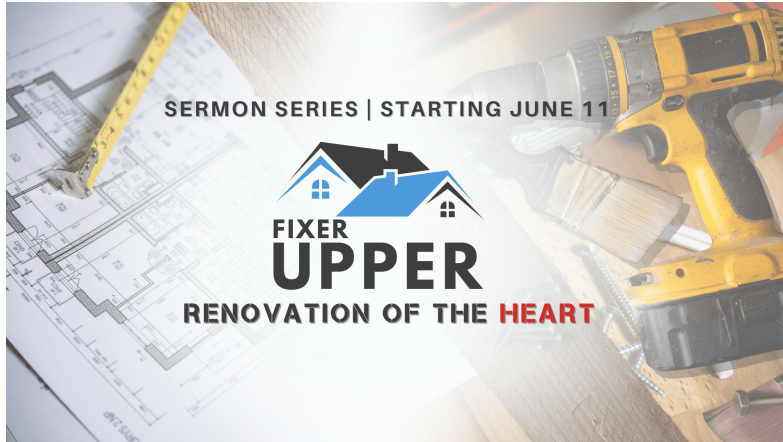
7. What kind of incorrect images do people have when it comes to God? How does Jesus offer us a better image of God? (e.g. Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15)

INFORMATION

8. Rob pointed out that without good information, we can't have soul transformation. Hosea 4:6 "my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge." What roles does information play in our spiritual development?

9. In a world of misinformation and false information, where can we find sources of truth?

10. When he was tempted, Jesus relied on God's word to find truth amidst the misinformation (See Matthew 4). What Bible reading habits do you practice? How might you become more disciplined in your approach to reading the scriptures?



Fixer Upper - Week 4
"Dealing with Feelings"
With Luke Lima

Read Mark 7: 1-23

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- How are you feeling, truly?

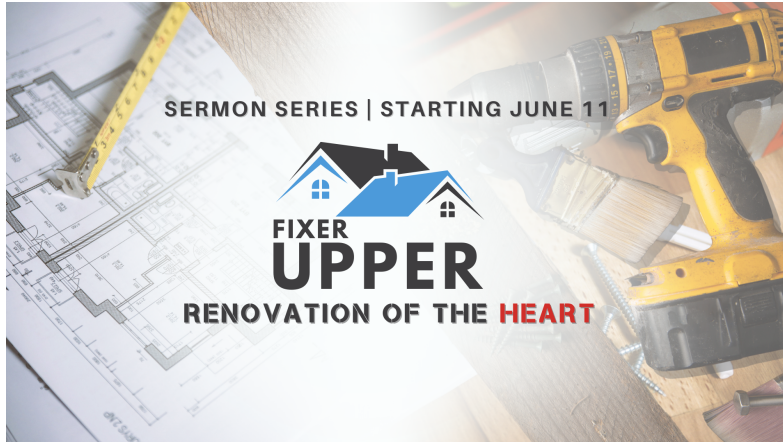
Dallas Willard says that : "Feelings are a primary blessing and a primary problem for the human life"

- Do you think your actions come more from your feelings, or more from your thoughts?
- How can we change what we feel?

Read Matthew 6: 33 " But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

- How could this perspective change our feelings?

Other recommended readings: Romans 7: 23-25, Hebrews 4 : 15-16



Fixer Upper - Week 5 "Changing Through Choosing"

Read Ephesians 4:29 - 5:2

- What do you see as your role in choosing to change versus God's role in enacting change in your life?
- Why are changes so hard?

Read Ephesians 4:22

- What does it mean to "throw off" the old?
- Do you think there are spiritual forces that are trying to keep you from making positive changes?
- What are some choices you need to make to empower change?

Fixer Upper - Final Edition Relationships

Read 1 John 4: 7-14

What is your definition of love?

Why do we have a broken relationship with God?

How is that relationship restored?

How do you deal with wounds from relationships? How would Jesus instruct us to handle these wounds?

Read 1 Peter 4:8

How does love "cover a multitude of sins?"

What is the role of forgiveness in relationships?

How are we strengthened, matured, and built up by relationships?