

INTRODUCTION

Our world is in a constant state of change - leaders come and go, laws change, marriages dissolve, our economy fluctuates, babies are born, kids begin school, high school students graduate, clothes and hairstyles come in and out of style, and our bodies change as we grow. Even in our church we have experienced a lot of change in the last few months. Thank God that He doesn't change! He is an immovable rock and the only sure anchor in our ever-changing world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss with your group what you think the biggest change in our culture has been over the last 10 years. How have you changed in the last 10 years?
2. Read the following verses and write what you learn about God's immutability (unchanging over time or unable to be changed):

Psalm 33:10-11 _____

Psalm 102:25-28 _____

Isaiah 46:9-11 _____

Malachi 3:6 _____

Hebrews 13:8 _____

3. God's unchanging ways are described in James 1:12-18. What are specific things and ways that God will never change?

James 1:12 _____

James 1:13-15 _____

James 1:17 _____

James 1:18 _____

4. Read Psalm 62:7. How has God been a rock and a refuge in your life? What has been the most difficult or most stressful thing you've dealt with so far?
5. How does confidence in God's unchanging character help us in our daily lives?

Study Questions for Community Groups

6. Read 1 Peter 2:4-12. Pastor Joe shared on Sunday that God is unchanging 1) in His character (4-8), 2) in His call (9-10); and 3) in His expectations (11-12). In what ways is God challenging you through this passage to live a life more in line with His expectations?
7. Everyone has experienced the pain of broken promises, and has broken promises to others. What does it mean to you personally that God is immutable?

APPLICATION

This week, meditate on the passages of Scripture that teach that God is unchanging. Spend time praising Him for His faithfulness to His promises and purposes.

SCRIPTURE

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed." This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "The stone which the builders rejected, this became the very corner stone," and, "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:4-12 (NASB)