



## “What’s Missing?: Part 5 - Recognition”



### Prayer



### Getting Started

#### Announcements:

- **Man Up! Men's Retreat at Camp Mt. Cragg, February 17-19** - Yeah, that's right...it's time to “Man Up!” Join us for a guys weekend as we explore what it means to “Man Up!” in our lives and in our faith. Come, get away, eat, relax, eat some more, and get to know some other guys from Montrose Church. Cost \$250 More: <http://montrosechurch.org/mens-retreat>
- **Mission: Bolivia - July 18-August 1** - Find out how to partner with our seventh trip to Bolivia and third consecutive trip to Luz Divina Church (Divine Light Church) in Santa Cruz. Contact Cory at [cory.marquez@montrosechurch.org](mailto:cory.marquez@montrosechurch.org) to find out more.

#### Prayer Focus:

- Realization about who or where you are really at in life

#### Starter Question

- Name your favorite ice cream?



### Discovering Truth

#### What Do You See?

- We know that our self image is influenced by a myriad of factors. Our work, our finances, our experiences, messages we received from our parents, our weight, height, and body fat percentage all affect what we see in the mirror and in a much broader sense how we see ourselves. When you look in the mirror what do you see? Do you believe your view is accurate?

#### Socrates and Paul

- We are not alone in this quest to understand ourselves. Socrates said: "The unexamined life is not worth living." We ought to traffic in this issue of working toward a more accurate self-image. There is much to be gained in doing the work to more accurately reflect the truth about our lives.

- Listen to how the Apostle Paul talks about self image. **Read Romans 12:3**  
**The Leper With Recognition**

- **Read Luke 17:11-19**

- One leper saw that he was healed, knew the source of the healing and got in touch with the source of the healing. That is the gift of recognition.

#### **Make Room For Recognition**

- **Reflect Grace** - You are a recipient of Grace. If you do not see in the mirror a person who is loved, honored, adored, and who has favor from God, then you are not looking at the Biblical image of yourself.
- We spend most of our lives trying to fix what's sick instead of celebrating what's healthy. That is not reflecting grace. God heals us in one area and we fail to recognize it because we have a list of diseases a mile long. We just move on to the next thing that needs healing and we fail to celebrate a moment of recognition that leads us back to the source of the healing.
- How many healing celebrations have you missed out on?
- **Reflect Humility** - Don't think of yourself more highly than you ought. This one is tricky. Some of us are very defensive about our diseases. So much so that we have decided the best defense is a good offense and we have become offensive. In what areas are you offensive about your life?
- **Reflect Honesty** - Look at yourself with sober judgment. Take a long serious look at your own behavior and know this few of us can do that alone. To truly examine your life you have to find some other people. Remember wholeness is found in including some missing pieces and one of those is recognition. One of the reasons it's missing is that it takes work to have it. Who are you able to be real and honest with?
- **Reflect Truth** - God has offered us a measure of faith, a measure of His truth to come along side us and give us a genuine honest, accurate view of our self. That faith is built on the truth contained in God's word.
- How have you allowed the Bible to be a measure of your life?



## **Building Community**

- What area of recognition (Grace, Humility, Honesty, or Truth) do you need to grow in with your LifeGroup? How can your group support you in these areas?



## **Next Steps**

- Commit to praying about one area of recognition this week



## **Prayer Requests & Prayer**



## Scripture from the Sermon

- **Luke 17:11-19** - “Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”
- **Romans 12:3** - “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”