



## 6:45AM – ROLL VIDEO

1. **Welcome**

**If you're new here or been with us all along**, recording always available on FB & Youtube

- **VISITING** – shoot us a note - comment or email
- **The couches are here and ready for you...just email to get that ball rolling.**
- **SHOUTOUT TO THE GIRLS GROUP.** Back again! (We're actually going to get one of them to come up for a little segment tonight we'd like to call....**HELP THE OLD PERSON!** **VIDEO**)

2. **HELP THE OLD PERSON?**

**Just a simple attempt to help me, the 47 yr old youth pastor stay up to date on things pertaining to youth.**

Just gonna throw these out, and you just comment or offer guidance. Consider this old person research.

- What's the correct use of the word "WOKE?"
- Same thing for EXTRA – (is that not a good thing though?)
- What's the big deal with One Direction? They really still a thing?
- What's your opinion of Facebook? What's your go to social networking thing.
- Best app on your phone? What is a rotary phone?
- What's one thing you wished adults knew about teens today?
- If you could pick one person to speak at your HS Graduation, who would it be?

**Hey we got a Podcast coming out this week, Let Student into the preview. VIDEO**

3. **IN-DEED:** Mission Highlight that recognizes a ministry that loving and sharing Christ IN DEED.

4. **COMING UP!**

- **MEETING STATUS** – **Unsure right now....but we do have the VIP sections...small crowds**
- **GIRLS BIBLE STUDY** – **Tuesday's at 6pm, at the Altman House.**
- **HS GUYS** – ?
- **DEVOTIONS** – is something you want/need. Give us some ideas/feedback.
- **PODCAST** – every 2 weeks we'll throw a podcast out there.
- **NEW THEME and YEAR kickoff** coming in September – FREE (really tonight kicks it off?)
- **New Series tonight**....we'll get into that right now, after we PRAY.

5. **PRAYER and then INTRO VIDEO****SERIES & NIGHT Intro – 10 book in 10 weeks (MAYBE GET GUYS TO DESCRIBE SERIES)**

So we begin a new series tonight based on the book "THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING."

I believe some of our students have gone through this book.

But the book mainly speaks to HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES LIFE...EVERYTHING.

So we'll take 4 weeks and highlight 4 areas of our life....big area, that our belief in Jesus, the Gospel should change.

The goal...awareness, confidence, less stress, and discipleship.

We can never truly get enough of the Gospel.

Gospel is the biggest weapon against self help and glorification.

The Gospel actually points us to give every ounce of who we are and what we do to the glory of God.

So basically we're going to walk through actual chapters of the book and highlight some key thoughts.

Each week we'll have a main passage from which the BIG WORD will come from.

**Tonight our word is IDENTITY.** The Gospel changes our identity. Our verse, **Philippians 3:8-11**



## THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

## Our Identity

There are many things in this world that could determine our identity.

Think about it...when I say a name we typically go ahead and think of something...a label of sorts.

But it's inward too.....we often seek to become some things in life, to aspire to become labeled this thing...

**That's really identity right? What we think defines us. How we ultimately define others?**

These other things **can** change us but not the way the Gospel can.

These other things **can** define us but not in the way God seeks to have us define ourselves.

The Gospel has plenty of competition...because ultimately God want us to be labeled and identified with Him.

These other things, call them, cheap imitations...

**they can't do what only the Gospel can do....ultimately change us for God's glory.**

**So the big question is this:** What do you want to be known for in this life?

How do you desire to be labeled? How quick are you to label others wrongly?

So...what are some of these things we are as believers....things that describe the one who is in Christ?

So really quick...let's **take Phil. 3 and walk through it...seeing 6 things a Christian does.**

In other words....these are 6 things that become the identity of a Christian.

**READ PHIL. 3:8-11**

1. **Treasures Christ** – Let's just put this real simple. **There is but two categories. Christ & everything else.**
  - a. This is not just a mindset – it's actually seen in your choices
  - b. Paul says “whatever gain I had, I counted it all as loss” as everything else...Christ was King.
  - c. Think of something treasure on this earth....now consider that Paul is saying Christ should even trump that. For some people, that's hard to get.
2. **Devalues Everything Else – The response to #1 is this...”everything as loss”**
  - a. Meaning this, it has worth, but not the most worth.
  - b. WE'RE NOT SAYING OTHER THINGS DON'T HAVE WORTH – We are saying Christ has more worth.
  - c. Get the order right and life is in order.
  - d. As we live in this way...treasuring Christ – the other things become lesser. THEN....
  - e. I don't let the things of this world get to me like they typically and possibly do
3. **Puts faith in Christ Alone – there is no more competing, believing or following in hopes of anything.**
  - a. God is not a grandpa looking to give you a goodie if you behave.
  - b. We follow Christ because we acknowledge He is the way, truth and life. That's it.
  - c. We follow, not in hopes of anything but in light of everything.
4. **Knows Him – again, simple...we actually work to know Him. Some things are simple, others take time.**
5. **Suffers for Him – Uh-oh – read the NT and you see this theme everywhere. 1 Peter last week.**
  - a. Why do we suffer? Our faith is at odds with this world. This is not home.
6. **Becomes like Him** – God does the changing we lovingly submit and follow.

**Back to the Big Question: What do you want to be known for in this life?**

**Jesus desires to change us and promises to do so and will.**

But we must take on this mindset, believing the truths of this gospel that changes us.

If not careful we'll become tangled up in the lesser of this world, though they may be good.

So the choice for you today is how will you seek to be labeled by those outside.

But then even greater – what will you allow to define your life....how you view yourself.

Our hope...you follow Christ and begin today to trust in what He says about you and actually believe that.

Go out and live in a way that is determined by that relationship.

**PODCAST – VIP FOLKS – SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHURCH – PRAYER and OUT**