

Summer of Change

Series Recap

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1. The Abiding In Christ sphere.

John 15:5, “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”
NLT

When we remain in Jesus, we will produce much fruit, apart from Jesus, we cannot do anything.

What is the most common need of change here?

1. Stop trying to fix yourself through your own power.

2. Stop running and start surrendering.

What’s so good about your life without Jesus?

3. (The most obvious.) Start spending time with Jesus.

2. The Church Sphere.

The Church Sphere is about abiding in the Body of Christ. When we’re connected to Jesus (the Head), we’re also connected to His Body (the Church).

And just like no body part functions well on its own, no Christian thrives in isolation.

Hebrews 10:25, “And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” NLT

What is the most common need of change here?

- 1. The mindset that Church is optional.**
- 2. The consumer mindset many have towards the Church.**

The writer of Hebrews warns us in 10:25, “And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” NLT

Ephesians 4:16, “He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” NLT

- 3. The isolation mindset that say, “I don’t need the Church because me and Jesus have our own thing worked out.”**

3. The Home & Family Sphere.

In this sphere, discipleship becomes very personal. It's not just where we live -it is where we learn to love sacrificially, to submit to one another, to forgive quickly, lead spiritually, and serve others humble. This sphere includes marriage, parenting, singleness, extended family and household relationships

What is the common need of change in this sphere?

Selfishness and control issues.

Unforgiveness and bitterness.

Poor communication.

Passivity in leadership.

Parenting without intentional discipleship. (Kids are taught about God but not how to follow Him.)

Busyness – The schedule is packed but the home IS spiritually empty.

How to change:

Address selfishness in marriage

Ephesians 5:21, "And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." NLT

Forgive those who have hurt you.

Colossians 3:13, "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." *NLT*

Passive Parenting

Proverbs 22:6, "Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." *NLT*

Controlling your speech.

Ephesians 4:29, ""Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."
NLT

4. The World Sphere.

The **World Sphere** is the context where we live on mission outside the walls of the church: the neighborhood, the jobsite, the grocery store, the gym, the school pickup line, even online.

It's everywhere you interact with people who don't yet follow Jesus.

Jesus said in **Matthew 28:19–20**, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” NLT

What are the common needs to change in the World Sphere?

Fear of rejection.

Compartmentalizing faith.

Love of the world’s values.

How to change:

1. Stop fearing man and start fearing God!

Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.” NLT

2. Live your life with integrity everywhere you go.

Colossians 3:22-23, “*Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord.* **23** Work willingly at

whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

3. Live out the mission Jesus gave us.

John 4:35, ““You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.” NLT

4. Train and practice sharing the Gospel.

Romans 10:14, “But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?” NLT

5. The Spiritual Sphere.

The realm of life where we recognize that we have a **real spiritual enemy**—Satan—and that our ultimate battles are not against people, but against forces of darkness that oppose God’s kingdom.

Ephesians 6:12, ““For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” NLT

What are the common needs to change in this Sphere?

- 1. Acting as if the spiritual realm does not exist.**
- 2. Fighting with the wrong weapons.**

You cannot fight spiritual problems with earthly tools. You cannot use self-help, medication alone, avoidance, etc.

- 3. Stop trying to be a physical authority in a spiritual world.**

How to change:

1. Acknowledge the battle is real.
2. Use the weapons of God's Word, prayer, fasting, and worship.
3. Submit to the authority of God.