



A Bible Study On Change

Suggested use: To introduce this topic, show either of these the brief videos:
1) *Coping with Small Changes* or 2) *Old Bodies Can Make A Difference*. They are available for viewing on ALOA's website. Go to aloaserves.org/resources/videos/ and navigate to the selected video.

Introduction

Question: How many senior adults does God want to make changes in their lives?

Answer: All of them.

Study Context

The word change is used in many different ways in our daily conversations. For example:

- It's another month to change our clocks forward or backwards.
- There are too many changes going on in my life.
- Sorry, but I changed my mind.
- I'm going with you, but I first need to change my clothes.
- Some changes are good, but others are bad.
- I wish I could change my appearance.
- Change and decay in all around I see.
- But I don't want to change.
- Or I don't need to change.
- I wish I could change my attitude.

Can you identify with any of these or can you add another expression using the word change?

Observation #1: God doesn't change.

Readings: Malachi 3:6 I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

What do these words mean to you in your relationship to God? Discuss and share.

Jeremiah 2:11 – In what ways do we try to change our picture of who our God is?

Romans 1:18-25 – In what ways might we try to change God?

Observation #2: God doesn't change, but He changes us.

Readings: Ephesians 2:1-10 God has changed us from dead people to people alive in Christ Jesus.

What difference does that make?

I Peter 1:3-9 – Share how God has been working in your life and changed you.

Galatians 4:17-20 – Have you, like Paul, asked God to change the way you think and the tone of your conversations?

Philippians 4:4-9 – Do you believe that God can change your life to give you greater joy, gentleness, and peace?

II Corinthians 5:14-21 – What kind of changes does God want to work in your life?

Observation #3: God will continue to bring about changes throughout our lives until we experience the final change of eternal life in the presence of God.

Readings: I Corinthians 15:50-52

Philippians 3:20-21 Our changeless God will change us forever.

Wrap Up

Share in a prayer to a changeless God who by His grace and mercy changes you.

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