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Sunday, August 27: The Necessity of Change

How to Use Talk It Over: This resource is to help you and your group discuss, in greater detail, the messages at Christ Church Otsego. The hope is for you to remember the content, read scripture, and discuss the application to your own life.

Pastor Greg's Main Idea: Jesus never changes; we must!

Scripture Passages: Malachi 3:6, James 1:17, Hebrews 13:8, 2 Cor. 5:17, 2 Cor. 3:18, Romans 12:2

Discussion Questions:

- Describe a change that has occurred in your life in the past year. How have you handled it?
- What are some of the factors that tend to cause us as human beings to struggle with change?
- Are you a person who likes change or resists it? Explain.
- Did you watch the solar eclipse last week? In person or on TV? What are some of the reactions that you observed in people?
- Pastor Pagh described several ways that our actions can cause an "eclipse of the son (Jesus)." He said that our behaviors can actually block-out the light of Jesus from shining on the people of planet earth, leaving them in darkness." He highlighted three ways that we block the light of Christ. Discuss them together:
 - 1. By focusing on the past rather than the present or the future.
 - 2. By focusing internally rather than externally. (particularly in terms of the life of the church)
 - 3. By giving in to apathy when our faith calls for passion.
- Which of these areas may need to change in your life in order for the "Son" to shine more brightly through you?
- Pastor Pagh concluded by stating, "The most effective, growing, impacting churches today find comfort in the unchanging, never-failing love and character of God... stay true to the mission and the message of the Gospel... embrace the change that represents the work of the Holy Spirit bringing each of us to maturity in Jesus Christ... and are willing to do "whatever it takes" to reach this world in Jesus' name." How could Christ Church Otsego grow in these capacities in this upcoming season?



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