

# Real Change

## 1. Why Change?

### 2 Corinthians 3:13 - 4:6

#### Introduction

- If you could change anything you wanted about yourself, what would it be?

#### 1. God created us in his image to reflect his glory

- What do you understand by being made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-7)?
- How does being made in God's image enable us to reflect his glory?

#### 2. The fall meant that the image of God's glory in us was broken

- In what ways have we fallen short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23)?

#### 3. God sent Jesus to restore his broken image in us

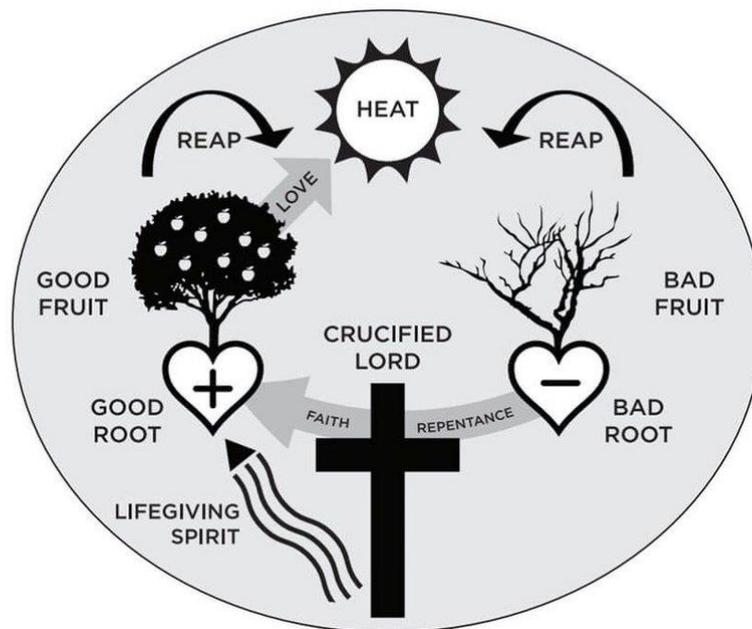
- Why is it important that Jesus came as 'the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being' (Heb. 1:3)?
- What does it mean that 'Whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away' (2 Cor. 3:16)? See also 2 Cor. 4:6

#### 4. God is continuing to change us all into his image with ever-increasing glory

Read 2 Cor. 3:18

- Who is working to transform us? How certain is our transformation?
- What are we being changed into? What excites you about this?
- How reassuring is it that we are all being changed?

## A model for understanding change



This model will become clear over the coming weeks. This week we will start at the top of the diagram with 'heat'. These are the situations we all face that put us under pressure.

These could be struggles such as: a challenging relationship, physical health, work problems, disappointments, injustice, your circumstances, unwelcome news or being treated badly.

They could also be good things such as a new relationship, good health, career success, moving to a new home, getting married that can put us under pressure by making God seem unnecessary or irrelevant.

### Homework

This week ask God to help you live with a greater awareness of what is going on around you (tune into you 'heat') and how you respond to these situations. Considering these things will help you decide what particular area of your life your change project should address.

It will help you to write down your thoughts, even if they are jumbled and uncertain, to help you see the specific areas of 'heat' in your life.