

# Gathering

## CHANGE

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I do not like change. I struggle, consistently, with my distaste for change. I go to the same stores. I order the same meal at restaurants. I wear the same brands when I find what I like. I am strongly averse to change. Sadly one of the biggest constants for me has been that life and its contents change. But everyone is different. My husband loves change. He sees it as adventure! It's all about our perspective. I don't think God wants us to stay the same especially the parts of us that are not pleasing or honoring to Him.

Ironically, Malachi 3:6 says, "I the Lord do not change", and Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus, is the same, yesterday, today and forever". We can trust in God who is perfect and does not change. God knows what needs to be changed in our hearts and lives. He loves us and wants only the best for His children.

After sharing the Scripture, use at least three of the questions below with your group:

- Change can be difficult especially if it's not your choice. How do you cope with change in your life?
- Share a time of happy change or a sorrowful change.
- How can we recognize that change is needed in our heart, in our home, in our life?
- What does it mean to you that God will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh?

After sharing, you may wish to take time to discuss how, as a group, accountability can be held to encourage a deeper exploration of scripture or even offer a fun challenge of memorizing a new verse per week. Be sure to hand out the Monthly Scripture Card and Take Home Sheet.

*Complete your monthly report and turn it in to the Corps Officer.*

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