Introduction: Mirror Madness!

1. When you look into the mirror, what do you see?

2. When you look into the mirror, what do you say?

3. When you walk in the world, what do you think?

Distorted mirrors – destroy our lives:

- The Appearance Mirror – My value depends on how I ________________!

- The Performance Mirror – My value depends on what I can ____________!

- The Status Mirror – My value depends on what others _______________ of me!

Thesis - Until we see ourselves as God sees us, we are destined to _______________________.

3 keys to a Biblical self-image:

1. **Get God’s View of You = KNOWLEDGE**
   
   You are *significant* because . . .
   
   - You are ___________________________  
     Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-14
   
   - You are ___________________________  
     1 Samuel 16:7, Jeremiah 31:3
   
   - You are ___________________________  
     1 Corinthians 6:19-20
   
   - You are ___________________________  
     Ephesians 1:13
   
   - You are ___________________________  
     Ephesians 2:10, Ephesians 4:15-16

2. **Believe God’s View is True = FAITH**
   
   - Faith is built on God’s Word  
     Romans 10:17
   
   - Faith grows through mind renewal  
     Romans 12:2
   
   - Develop a plan to remove the distorted mirrors of the world with the mirror of God’s Word  
     James 1:22-24
3. Discover the “You” that’s True = EXPERIENCE


- **Unwrap** your ________________ _____________ 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12

- **Unleash** your ________________ _____________ Psalm 37:4

- **Use** your God-given ________________ Exodus 31:3

- **Embrace** your God-given ________________ 1 Corinthians 2:11 (LB)

- **Leverage** your past ________________ Romans 8:28

Ministry is how God makes what’s true “of” us, true “in” us. Sometimes it’s only in the act of “loving others: that we can fathom that we ourselves are loved!

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45 (NAS)

**GALLUP SURVEY:** Only 10% of all laymen are active in a ministry. An additional 50% have no interest at all. BUT, 40% said they’d like to be involved but have never been asked or they don’t know how.
Discussion Questions:

1. How big a problem do you think feelings of inferiority are for most people?

2. Which “distorted mirrors” have made you feel less worthy or valuable than God’s evaluation?

3. What are you presently doing to gain God’s perspective of who you are? Any new ideas that might help?

4. What happens when we get our focus off ourselves and serve others? What and how might that look in your life?