

## **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**

**How? – Luke 6:38**

- 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
- 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

**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?