



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Rethink*

Scripture: *Mark 7:6-8*

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Message: *Rethinking The*

Way We've Always Done It

—[LET'S START]—

What an exciting week for Wooddale Church! This week, Pastor Dale shared what's next for Vision '22 and Wooddale's future ministry. What part of the vision excited you the most?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing. Pray too for the future of Wooddale Church.
2. Read Mark 7:1-8. Why do you think it is so easy for human beings to get so caught up in tradition that we have a hard time understanding what is really important to the heart of God?
3. What does this passage teach us about the heart of Jesus? What does it teach us about the heart of the Pharisees and teachers of religious law?
4. Pastor Dale used a three-legged stool represent three very important parts of belief.
 - Leg #1 represents God's revealed Word.
 - Leg #2 represents your God given reasoning ability.
 - Leg #3 represents tradition, which one could define as accumulated wisdom.

Which of these stools was most important to the Pharisees? Can you think of some ways that you have fallen prey to thinking like the Pharisees in the past? How did you shift your thinking?

5. In his sermon, Pastor Dale said, "Have you noticed here in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus was always going to where the people and the needs were to bring the hope of salvation? I think that's why Pastor and author Henry Blackaby coined the phrase, "You cannot stay where you are and go with God!" How has God changed you over the years? How has He changed Wooddale Church? What are some things that God is doing in the world that thrills you?

—[LET'S ACT]—

Pastor Dale gave us a lot to think about this week. As a group, spend some time talking about what it would mean for Wooddale Church to be an epicenter of irresistible hope. How could our group be an epicenter of irresistible hope?

Let's pray for the initiatives that Dale talked about this week. Let's pray that we would be ambassadors of the hope of Christ.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- One cannot simply change their behavior without also changing their mind, i.e. thinking! And that was the biggest obstacle Jesus faced when He encountered the hypocritical spiritual leaders of Israel.
- There are three legs that represent three very important parts of belief:
 - Leg #1 represents God's revealed Word.
 - Leg #2 represents your God given reasoning ability. That simply means you have to be able to reason to understand and apply what is revealed to you.
 - Leg #3 represents tradition, which one could define as accumulated wisdom.
- God chose the Children of Israel to be a blessing for the rest of the world. He wants the same to be true of His church.
- Wooddale Church exists to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ.
- In 2015 we put forth this ambitious God honoring vision:
 - To impart the hope of the gospel to seven hundred thousand people here, near and far and to create a clear pathway to spiritual maturity.
- As we looked at our vision statement one word leaped out, **HOPE!**
- Dale shared the vision for the next phase of Vision '22.

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