



Collective worship  
30.9.20

This week's theme is 'Change'.

# change

What does the Bible say?



Isaiah 43:19 "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

John answered by quoting the prophet Isaiah: "I am 'the voice of someone shouting in the desert: Make a straight path for the Lord to travel!'" JN1:23



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF3q4AE33k8>

Time to think..

Why do you think a caterpillar becoming a butterfly is used for resurrection?



Dear God and father,  
You gave us a world of change  
and renewal. Give us the  
strength and courage to  
embrace change and the  
wisdom to see that often when  
we look back, things we didn't  
want to change needed to.

Amen

# Given a chance to change

What does  
the Bible say?



## Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIQeriw-USs>

Time to think...

How did Jesus change Zacchaeus' way of living?

How important is a second chance?



Let us pray:

## The Act of Contrition



My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God,  
have mercy. Amen.

# 'Metanoia'

Change in one's way of life resulting from penitence or spiritual conversion.

What does the Bible say?



As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

<sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." (Acts 9)

*A verse in the Bible says, 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead' (Philippians 3.13).*

So..



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0p0W\\_Zbt1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0p0W_Zbt1s)

How did Paul change after his 'Damascus road experience?'

Think about one thing you could do to be a bit better.



Let us pray:

Dear God,  
Thank you that your love towards us never ceases.  
Thank you that, no matter what we've said or done, you never give up on us.  
Thank you that every day is an opportunity for a fresh start.  
Help us to take ownership of our lives and make wise decisions in our speech, time, attitude, reactions and talents so that we can become the people we dream of becoming.  
**Amen.**