

## 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 look!
- The **Performance** Mirror – My value depends on what I can do!
- The **Status** Mirror – My value depends on what others think of me!

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

### 3 Keys to a Biblical Self-Image

#### 1. Get God's View of You = KNOWLEDGE

You are **significant** because . . .

- You are \_\_\_\_\_ Gen. 1:27, Ps. 139:13-14
- You are \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Sam. 16:7, Jer. 31:3
- You are \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- You are \_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 1:13
- You are \_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 2:10, Eph. 4:15-16

#### 2. Believe God's View is True = FAITH

- Faith is built on God's Word – Rom. 10:17
- Faith grows through mind renewal – Rom. 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 Cor. 12, Rom. 12
- Unleash your \_\_\_\_\_ Ps. 37:4
- Use your God-given \_\_\_\_\_ Ex. 31:3
- Embrace your God-given \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor. 2:11 L.B.
- Leverage your past \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 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 SURVERY:** 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 asked or they don't know how.

## Developing a Plan for Your Personal Ministry

1. Refuse to believe that you are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Fill your mind with the truth of how God sees you.
3. "Jump in" somewhere and lend a hand this \_\_\_\_\_!

## 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?