

Introduction

Last week we studied Acts 9:1-22. We saw the conversion of Saul and how God used Ananias to help restore Saul's sight. We learned that

1. We don't get to choose our brothers & sisters in Christ.

Acts 9:17/ Matthew 10:2-4

2. No one is too bad to join the family of God.

Acts 9:15/ Titus 3:3-7

3. We owe people undeserved mercy.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11/ Jude 1:22-23

4. Thinking like this requires a renewed mind.

Romans 12:1-2

Today, I want to pursue the idea of renewing our minds. WE will use as a subject: Don't Let it.

Today's Focus: Don't Let it

Generally speaking, **the default settings are the basic settings until changes are made.**

Illustration of default setting in computers:

In life, your mind is also like that. If you don't change the default settings, it will always revert to the default settings. And this morning, I want to talk to you don't let it. Don't let your mind go into default mode. Don't let it.

Many Christians today are living by the default settings of their mind.

Example:

1. Man at pool of Bethesda - John 5:1-9
2. Words of command or imperative - Romans 12:1-21

Growth Group Discussion

For the week of October 1, 2023

WHAT'S YOUR HIGHLIGHT?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

When you look at your life, do you think some aspects of your life are lived in "default settings" so to speak? If so, has that been helpful to you? If not, have you seen others live in default mode?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is the meaning of default settings and how does it apply to your mind?
2. Read John 5:1-9 and discuss in detail why Jesus asked this man, "Do you want to get well"?
3. Why did the invalid in John 5 lay there by the pool for 38 years? Was it his fault and that of others? What was the real issue at stake?
4. Read Romans 12:1-21 and
 - a. Look for all the words of command such as 'offer', 'do not', etc.
 - b. Examine the subject matter of these commands or words of the imperative address.
 - c. Zero in on Romans 12:11, how can we "never lack in zeal"?
5. This week, what can you do differently to help you stop going into the default mode?