



Sermon Notes: Fruit & Root

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Modern Secular Approach:

Postmodern Secular Approach:

Religious/Moralistic Approach:

Gospel Approach:



Gospel Applications: Fruit & Root

1. What are some things our culture identifies as common problems with *other* people (e.g. they're too intolerant, too morally regressive)? What does our culture identify as the solution(s) to these problems?
2. Where/how do these proposed solutions fall short of real Gospel transformation? What new problems do these "solutions" create?
3. Give some examples of the moralistic/religious approach to change that you've seen. Why do you think it's so easy to default to this approach?
4. Where/how does the moralistic approach fall short of real Gospel transformation? What new problems does it create?
5. Does every sin begin as a heart problem? Why or why not? Discuss.
6. Based on Jesus' answer to #6 (e.g. *Mark 7:20-23; Luke 6:45*), where must all real change begin? What are some practical implications of this truth?
7. Note: Even if you do this next exercise privately, do it! Think of something you struggle with or an area where you know you really need to change.
 - What is the surface-level problem that others might observe?
 - What emotions and thoughts frequently occur before, during, and after that surface sin?
 - What deep, heart desires do these actions, words, emotions, and thoughts point to? *Why* do you do/say that thing?
 - What is the allure of that particular desire? What does it seem to promise you? What is the hook? How does it end up snaring you?
 - What would you say is the idol you've set up in your heart? What is the thing you treasure, trust, or serve in place in God?
 - How does the Gospel speak to the thing(s) you desire? How is Christ superior to the idol(s) you serve?
 - What would repentance and faith look like in your situation?