

SHOOTING
THE RAPIDS OF

CHANGE

August 30 | Change Happens
Outline and Study Questions

Lessons on Change:

1. Change happens.
2. Change requires a quick response.
3. Change causes losses that need to be grieved. Grieve your losses by:
 - a. Naming the loss.
 - b. Acknowledging your feelings about the loss.
 - c. Bringing your feelings to God and asking him to fill your loss.
4. Change is an opportunity, not a setback. We see this when:
 - a. we remember that God is with us.
 - b. we see a picture of a better day to come.

Going Deeper: Use the following questions for personal reflection and/or to discuss with your family, friends or small group.

1. Have you ever had a harrowing experience like Pastor Remy did on a river? Explain.
2. What was the biggest change you've experienced so far in your life? What was the long term impact on your life? Did you see God move in your season of change?
3. How has Pastor Rob and Cory's leaving impacted you? Have there been any losses? Are there other losses that you've experienced this year?
4. How do you think you handle grieving loss? Are there any losses that you may not have grieved well in the past?
5. Pastor Remy mentioned a simple three-step process to grieving. What are the steps? Do you think these will help you recover from your losses?
6. Are you the kind of person that sees a hopeless end or endless hope? Why?
7. Pastor Remy said that change is not a setback but an opportunity. Imagine Thornapple in three years. What might be some positive changes that come from our current period of transition, as well as the impact of the pandemic?