

Transformed with Others: Together for the Gospel

(Philippians 4:10-20)

Opening Discussion: It's safe to say that most of the world doesn't believe the same way as Christians. How does that make you feel? What responsibility do you feel to partner with Christians to take the gospel to the world?

Transformational Principle: Some may _____ and some may _____: but working together, God is transforming the world through the power of the _____.

1. It doesn't take a _____ to be on _____.
(Philippians 4: ___ - ___)

For further discussion: What do you think of Paul's assessment of his personal situation? How can his perspective help us to see that it doesn't take a lot to share the gospel? Can you see that you have far more than Paul did? (See Acts 3:1-10: What does this passage teach us about the power of obedience in spreading the gospel? You may not have money or the power to heal, but have you considered what you do have that can change the world? What is something you can do this week to help spread the gospel that will cost nothing?)

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2. Small _____ can make a big _____.
(Philippians 4: ___)

For further discussion: Try to put yourself in Paul's shoes. How do you think he felt when Epaphroditus showed up with the Philippian church's gift to him? Why do you think one small act of kindness has such a strong power in our lives? (See Matthew 10:40-42: What does Jesus tell us about the importance of partnering with those who are doing gospel work? How can you partner with North Hills to support gospel work in Vallejo and around the world?)

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3. God is _____ to meet our needs in the face of _____.
(Philippians 4: ___ - ___)

For further discussion: For a small church like the one in Philippi, why would their gift have been such a sacrifice? Why do you think we are so afraid that we might have to sacrifice for the gospel when things get tight? What do you think of the boldness of Paul's statement? (See Matthew 19:27-30: What does this passage add to our understanding of God rewarding those who sacrifice for the sake of the gospel? Do you think this means God will make you rich? What is the difference between your wants and needs? What is an area of your life that you can sacrifice this week for the sake of the gospel?)

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Response: Are you _____ with us for the _____?

Transformational Principles

Week 1: Because we are prone to conform, we must let God transform. (Romans 12:1-2)

Week 2: Because of all Jesus has done, surrender what you think you know. (Mark 8:34-37)

Week 3: If we really want to know what to do, abandon the world's ways for God's ways. (Isaiah 55:6-11)

Week 4: Accept that the world's ways are at odds with the ways of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18-30)

Week 5: If you want to be transformed, you must learn to deal with your sinful nature. (Romans 8:1-11)

Week 6: Look past what is seen and believe what is unseen. (Hebrews 11:1-6)

Week 7: Overcome the world with love and humility. (Romans 12:9-21)

Week 8: Recognize that the purpose of our transformation is not personal or private. (Mark 10:42-45)

Week 9: Individual transformation happens best in the midst of united community. (Hebrews 10:19-25)