

Transformed Communication:

How we Talk to Others

(Ephesians 4:29)

Opening Discussion: Before listening to the message, to what extent did the Bible influence and shape the way you talked to others? After listening to the message, has your thinking or attitude toward God's Word changed at all?

Transformational Principle: A transformed _____ will change the way you _____ to others.

1. **Do not let _____ unwholesome talk come out of your mouth.**

For further discussion: What stood out to you from the message? Was there anything you learned or found impactful? (See Luke 6:43-45: What is the correlation between a person's heart and the words he or she speaks? When you hear yourself – or others – talk, how can you better focus on the "heart" rather than the words being spoken?)

Notes:

2. **But _____ what is ...**

– HELPFUL –

– BUILDING OTHERS UP –

– ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS –

– BENEFITS THOSE WHO LISTEN –

For further discussion: Since listening to the message, have you started following what Ephesians 4:29 says? If so, how has it gone following the step-by-step process described above? (See Proverbs 12:18: How can our words impact others? If you are committed to consistently following what Ephesians 4:29 says, what type of difference do you think it will make in the lives of other people?)

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Response: From _____ on, the person who exemplifies the main point of today's message is _____.

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)

Week 10: Some may go and some may stay: but working together, God is transforming the world through the power of the gospel. (Philippians 4:10-20)

Week 11: Transformed people do the work of God like it's second nature. (Matthew 25:31-46)

Week 12: Transformed prayer leads to a transformed mind. (Philippians 4:4-9)