

Transformed by Christmas: Jesus Came to Give Life

(John 10:1-10)

Opening Discussion: What does living look like to you? What is the difference between living and just getting by? Where do you feel you are falling right now?

Transformational Principle: _____ life must have _____.

1. _____ your _____.

For further discussion: What is it about boundaries that many of us push back against? Where do you see boundaries as a positive in your life? (See John 15:1-5: What does remaining in Jesus have to do with boundaries? What does Jesus promise to the one who remains in Him? What can we do if we don't remain in Him? Are you remaining in Jesus?)

Notes:

2. _____ your _____.

For further discussion: How does Jesus describe himself in this story? What observations can you make about how He describes His identity? Since the shepherd/sheep metaphor doesn't necessarily cross over in our culture, what might be a good present-day metaphor? (See Psalm 23: How does David describe His relationship with God? How does this compare to how Jesus describes Himself in John 10? Do you see a connection between what David describes and the "abundant life" Jesus offers?)

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3. _____.

For further discussion: Why do you think "abundant life" is so important in the life of a Christian? What is the alternative to the life that Jesus offers? (See John 17:3: What does "abundant life" have to do with "eternal life?" Why is it important for us to understand that Jesus is offering so much more than life now? How can we begin living for heaven while on earth?)

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Response: Are you truly _____? Or are you just by?

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)

Week 13: A transformed heart will change the way you talk to others. (Ephesians 4:29)

Week 14: Transformed people unite in transformed community. (Ephesians 4:1-6)

Week 15: Right attitude speaks louder than right action alone. (Philippians 2:14-18)

Week 16: Transformed people are on the go. (Romans 10:8-17)

Week 17: Recognize your need for a Savior. (Matthew 1:18-23)

Week 18: Learn to see the spiritual battle for your soul that is going on in and around you. (1 John 3:1-10)

Week 19: Don't miss the truth when it's right in front of you. (John 18:33-38)