
CBC WEEKLY RESOURCES



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I. SERMON RECAP

In his sermon, guest speaker Greg Steely discusses the essential theme of "living a life of value in a confused world," emphasizing that true transformation only occurs through Jesus Christ. He explains that leadership goes beyond a mere position and is fundamentally about influence, encouraging listeners to consider whether their influence is constructive or destructive. Steely highlights the transformative value of the gospel, which adds ultimate value to lives and propels individuals towards meaningful change.

Steely elaborates on five core pillars necessary for living a transformational life: integrity, information, inspiration, initiation, and influence. He emphasizes the alignment of one's values with actions, the importance of sharing Christ-centered information that helps others grow, and the need to inspire belief in God's truth. The sermon illustrates the urgency to take initiative in demonstrating Christ-like qualities and the far-reaching impact of one's influence, drawing from personal anecdotes and practical examples.

As the sermon concludes, Greg Steely invites individuals seeking a transformative relationship with Jesus to commit to this new path, leading to three people making this significant decision. He underscores the communal responsibility to support these individuals in their spiritual journey. Steely closes with a prayer, asking God to help the congregation reflect His character, inspire change, and lead others to a life of fullness and transformation in Christ.

Chapters

Chapter 1: Introduction and Personal Reflections

The sermon begins with personal greetings and reflections on the speaker's life and ministry.

Chapter 2: The Foundations of Transformational Value

This section explores the concept of transformational value and its roots in Christian faith.

Chapter 3: Five Pillars of Living a Transformational Life

The sermon outlines five key pillars for living a life that adds transformational value to others.

Chapter 4: Call to Action and Conclusion

The sermon concludes with a call to action for personal transformation and evangelism.

II. STUDY GUIDE

Key Points

- True transformation only comes through Jesus Christ
- Christians should strive to be Christ-like, not just Christian
- We are called to add value to others' lives, not extract value
- Integrity is the foundation of living a transformational life
- Sharing information should be done with grace and face-to-face
- Inspiration can come from unexpected places and should spur others toward love and good deeds
- Initiation means taking the first step and modeling Christ-like behavior
- Our influence should have a ripple effect, impacting generations

Key Scripture

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Proverbs 11:3 The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

Ephesians 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Matthew 5:13-14 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Other Scripture References

Alluded to:

Matthew 22:37-39 (Greatest Commandments - loving God and loving others) And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

James 2:17 (Faith without works is dead) So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (Follow my example as I follow Christ) Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Relevant verses aligning with main themes:

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Transformation in Christ) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Romans 12:2 (Renewing of the mind) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Galatians 5:22-23 (Fruit of the Spirit - for character development) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Colossians 3:23 (Working as unto the Lord - for integrity) Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

1 Peter 3:15 (Always being ready to give an answer - for sharing the gospel) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Philippians 2:3-4 (Valuing others above yourself - for adding value to others) Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Matthew 5:16 (Let your light shine - for influence) In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Proverbs 22:6 (Training up children - for generational influence) Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Acts 1:8 (Being witnesses - for sharing the gospel) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (Encouraging one another - for inspiration) Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

III. DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL

Day 1: Living a Life of Value

Question: What does it mean to you personally to 'live a life of value in a confused world,' and how can you put this into practice?

Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Devotional: Jesus calls us to be "salt and light" in the world. This isn't just a nice metaphor - it's a call to action. Salt in the ancient world was considered as precious as gold. It was used for many things, such as food preservation and wound care. As followers of Christ, we're meant to add flavor to the world around us and illuminate the darkness with God's love. Today, reflect on how you can be a person of value in your interactions.

Are you adding to people's lives or merely existing alongside them? Consider one specific way you can "add value" to someone's life today, whether through an encouraging word, an act of service, or simply being present in their time of need.

Day 2: The Power of Integrity

Question: How can we ensure our integrity as Christians aligns with being truly Christ-like in our daily actions and interactions?

Reading: Proverbs 11:3, Ephesians 4:25-32

Devotional: Integrity is the foundation of a Christ-like life. It's about aligning our words with our actions, and our actions with God's truth. The world is hungry for authenticity, especially in believers. Today, examine your life for areas where your walk might not match your talk.

Are there places where compromise has crept in? Ask God to reveal any inconsistencies and give you the strength to live with unwavering integrity. Remember, our lives may be the only Bible some people ever read.

Day 3: Sharing the Transformational Gospel

Question: How might our perspective on transformation change if we truly believed that only a relationship with Jesus can bring about genuine life change?

Reading: Romans 1:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Devotional: The gospel isn't just the good news - it's transformational news. It has the power to radically change lives, as we saw in the testimony shared in the sermon. Today, spend time reflecting on your own transformation story.

How has Christ changed you? Now, consider who in your life needs to hear this message of hope. Pray for opportunities to share your story and the gospel with someone who needs it. Remember, you

don't need to have all the answers; you just need to be willing to share what God has done in your life.

Day 4: Inspiring Faith in Others

Question: How can we be more intentional about inspiring others to believe in Christ, even in unexpected or challenging situations?

Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Devotional: We're called not just to believe, but to inspire belief in others. This doesn't always mean using flowery words or having all the right answers. Sometimes, inspiration comes through unexpected channels - even through our struggles and imperfections. Today, think about how you can "spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

Who in your life needs encouragement in their faith journey? How can you come alongside them? Remember, your willingness to be vulnerable about your own faith journey can be incredibly inspiring to others.

Day 5: The Ripple Effect of Influence

Question: What steps can we take to ensure our influence has a positive 'ripple effect' that impacts future generations?

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Timothy 2:2

Devotional: Our influence reaches far beyond what we can see. The sermon mentioned that the average person influences over 10,000 people in a lifetime. That's a staggering thought! Today, consider the legacy you're creating.

How are you using your influence to point others to Christ? Reflect on the "ripple effect" of your life - how your faith impacts your family, friends, coworkers, and even future generations. Pray for God to expand your influence and to use you as a vessel for His Kingdom. Remember, true influence isn't about control, but about surrender to God's will and leading others to the hope found in Christ.

IV. SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

Small Group Guide: Living a Life of Transformational Value

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. True transformation only happens through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. We are called to add value to others' lives, not just extract value for ourselves.
3. The average person influences over 10,000 people in their lifetime.
4. Living a life of transformational value involves integrity, information, inspiration, initiation, and influence.

Discussion Questions:

1. Greg mentioned that there's "a revival going on around the world." Have you noticed any signs of this in your own life or community? How can we be more aware of God's work globally?
2. Reflect on the question: "Are you a person who extracts value before you add value?" How does this apply to your relationships, work, or church involvement?
3. The sermon emphasizes the difference between being a Christian and being Christ-like. How would you describe this difference? In what areas of your life do you find it challenging to be truly Christ-like?
4. Discuss the concept of "blind obedience" mentioned in the sermon. What does this look like in practical terms? Share an experience where you had to trust God without knowing the outcome.
5. The speaker talks about the "ripple effect" of our lives. How do you hope your life will influence future generations? What steps can you take to ensure a positive ripple effect?

6. Reflect on the five pillars of living a life of transformational value (integrity, information, inspiration, initiation, and influence). Which of these do you feel strongest in? Which needs the most growth?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally seek to add value to someone's life each day. Keep a journal of these interactions and reflect on how it impacts both you and the other person.

2. Evaluate your social media use. Are you using it to truly add value and share transformational information, or just to voice opinions? Make a plan to use these platforms more intentionally.

3. Identify one area where you need to take initiative in living out your faith. This could be sharing the gospel with a friend, starting a prayer habit at work, or addressing a family issue. Take the first step this week.

4. Reflect on your personal testimony. Practice sharing it in a concise, impactful way that emphasizes the transformational power of Christ in your life.

5. Choose one person in your life who has modeled Christ-like influence. Reach out to thank them and ask if you can learn more from their example.

Closing Prayer

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on how they can live lives of transformational value throughout the week.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember Wednesdays are full of activities for all age ranges! Kids have Shine Club, youth have their small groups and message, and Pastor Gary is leading a study on the book of Revelation.

The Whisper Mountain youth trip is coming up! July 7th-11th. If you have a rising 6th grader or up contact David@cbchighlands.com to register.

We are looking forward to the Independence Day Picnic coming up this Sunday, June 29th. Bring a side dish and a pie for CBC's annual pie contest.

There is a Discover CBC class being held on July 13th. If you're interested in learning more about the church or a prospective member this is the class for you.

Email Info@cbchighlands.com for more information on anything mentioned.