

GATHERING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **Capstone Mission**

TITLE: **The Messy Middle**

BIG IDEA: Capstone exist to see lives transformed by Christ and to live in the messy middle together as we become more like Jesus.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read **Ephesians 4:20-24**

Ephesians 4:20-24 calls the old self and put on the new self -- in what specific areas of your life do you find it most difficult to let go of your old manner of living?

How are you currently leaning the words and ways of Jesus? What is one thing that you are struggling with that Jesus said or did?

Do you agree that we have a new life in Christ? Where in your life do you sense the Holy Spirit doing that shaping your NEW life most actively right now?

How do you see yourself as a New Creation in Christ? What does it mean to be "created after the likeness of God"?

Read **Galatians 2:20**

How does this scripture begin to transform your thinking of what it means to be a Christ follower?

What does it practically look like in your daily decisions to shift from building your own kingdom to building his?

Is there an example of where you can look back at your life and see the old self and see how Christ has transformed you from that old self?

GROWING IN CHRIST

We saw Christian life as having a 'messy middle' between justification and glorification -- what does your own messy middle look like right now, and what obstacles are you facing in becoming more like Christ?

If one hour a week isn't enough to lead to true transformation, what rhythms or habits are you currently practicing throughout the week that are shaping you more into the image of Jesus?

How can a community of believers create the kind of safety that allows people to be honest about where they truly are in their transformation?

How has your church family been a part of your Transformation in Jesus? How are you sacrifice and serving in order to help others be transformed by Jesus?

How does your transformation in Christ, impact those around you? How are those who don't know Jesus seeing Jesus through you in the life you live?

Why would those who are from God, be drawn towards a relationship with Christ when we live a transformed life? What do you need to in your life to show and share the love of Jesus to a world who is in desperate need?

LIVING AS A FAMILY

SHARING THE GOSPEL