

Join us for one of our weekly worship services in the City or at Ryde

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WESLEY INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATION

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LIVES

TRANSFORMING  
CITIES







"HE WANTS TO  
**TRANSFORM CITIES**  
ACROSS THE GLOBE"

We are about to embark on one of the boldest vision adventures in our history. Jesus has been stirring us to lift up our eyes and see the bigger vision of what He is doing in Sydney and beyond. What we are seeing is powerful and significant life transformation deeply connected with a strategic transformation of the city of Sydney. God is unfolding a plan of how He wants to **transform cities** across the globe!

Snr Pastor Andy Chin  
Senior Pastor | WIC

Throughout the scriptures God calls people to do things they cannot do. It forces them to rely on his power and presence. God is calling us to transform the City. He is already at work in Sydney, bringing **transformation to people's lives**. He is beckoning us to join Him in this work and discover the role He has chosen for us to play.

Pastor Cory Schut  
Lead Pastor | WIC Ryde

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THEY WILL REBUILD THE ANCIENT RUINS

AND RESTORE THE PLACES

DEVASTATED THEY WILL

**RENEW**

THE RUINED CITIES

THAT HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED

FOR GENERATIONS | ISAIAH 61:4

## OUR MISSION

Transforming Lives...  
In the love of the Father  
In the name of Jesus,  
In the power of the Spirit

## OUR VISION

### Transformed Lives Transforming Cities

Over the next 10 years, we see 5 vibrant church hubs across Sydney bringing holistic transformation to lives and communities. This will only be possible as Jesus continues His transforming work in us.

### Transformed Lives Transforming Cities

#### **hub**

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noun

1. the central part of a wheel, rotating on or with the axle, and from which the spokes radiate.

synonyms: pivot, axis, fulcrum, centre, centre point  
"the spokes radiate from the hub of the wheel"

2. the effective centre of an activity, region, or network.

"the city has always been the financial hub of the country"  
synonyms: centre, centre of activity, core, heart, focus, focal point, middle, nucleus, kernel, nerve centre

## WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?

- Our vision is being enlarged beyond just our congregation to Sydney and beyond
- As God leads and empowers us we will re-align everything we do to see transformed lives
- We will strengthen our existing hubs (City & Ryde) and seek to establish 3 more
- We will implement strategies that lead to significant, lasting transformation of Sydney
- We will establish strong intentional partnerships to see holistic gospel-centred transformation

Join us in faith-filled prayer and action!



REMINDE THE PEOPLE TO BE SUBJECT  
TO RULERS AND AUTHORITIES,



TO BE OBEDIENT, TO BE READY  
TO DO WHATEVER IS GOOD

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TITUS 3:1

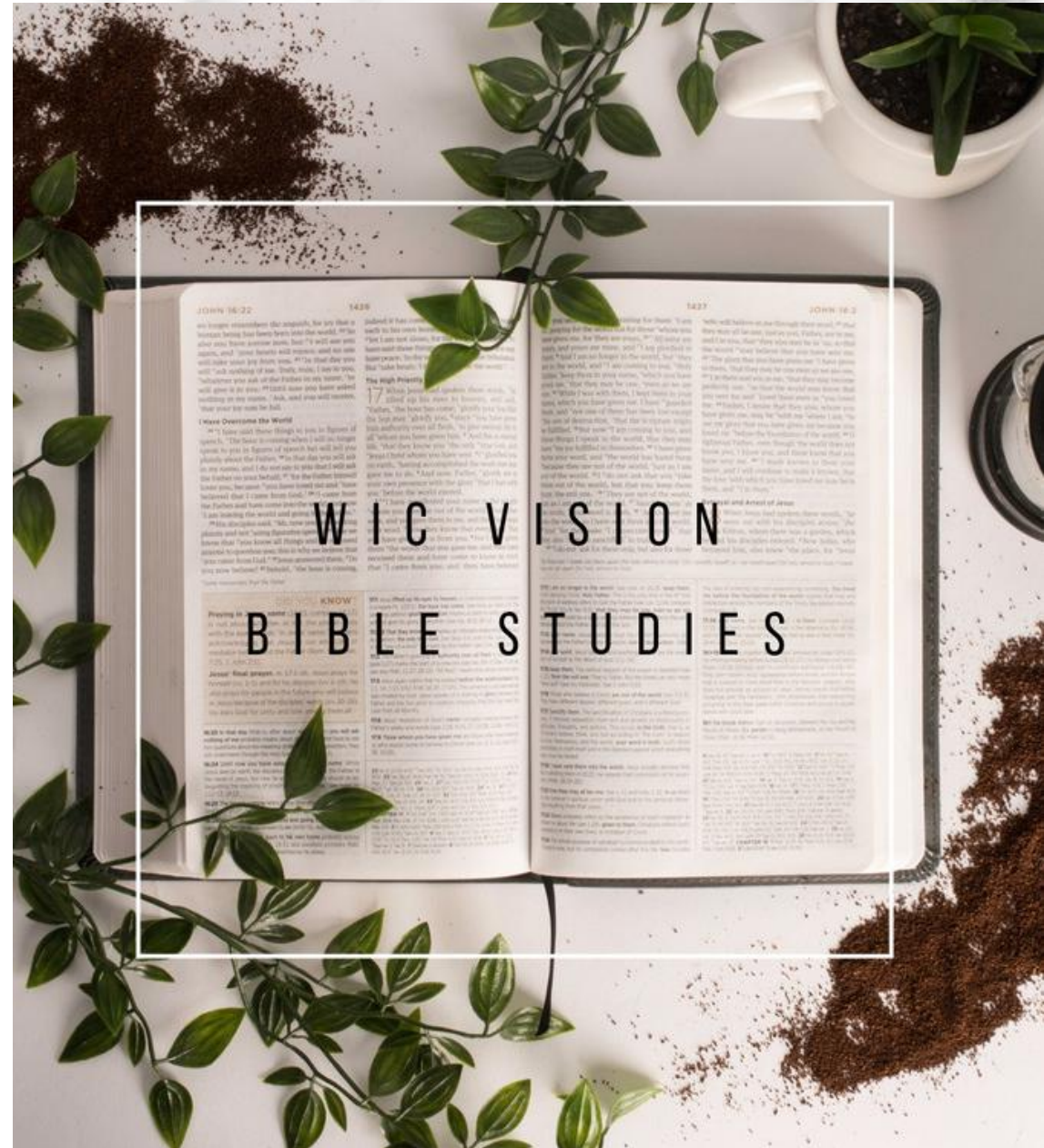


The remainder of this vision booklet contains 4 bible studies focussing on key scriptures that have shaped and informed the WIC vision.

Use these studies individually or as a Life Group. Our prayer is that these studies will encourage and inspire you to marvel at God's plans and purposes for us individually, for the church (local and universal) and for cities all across the globe.

Ultimately we pray that you would find your place in God's purposes so that - together - we might see transformed lives, transforming cities.

"...FOR THE DISPLAY OF HIS SPLENDOUR"  
ISAIAH 61:3



# Study 1 - Big Picture Transformation

## Scripture

Read Isaiah 61:1-3

## Observations

### Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe the original condition of those in need of help in verses 1-3? Which of these resonates with your experience before you met Jesus?
2. How does each person in this passage experience a transformation? What are they transformed to? In which ways have you experienced a similar transformation and how did it happen?
3. Who is the source of this transforming ministry and why is that significant (See also Luke 4:18-19)? How is this important to you personally? How should this shape our understanding of transformation?

4. Verse 3b explains that this powerful personal transformation is all for the display of God's splendour- how does this happen? How is this different to worldly narratives of transformation?

5. The story is not yet over. Read Isaiah 61:4. Is this surprising? How would you describe the role God has for those He transforms? What does this reveal about God? About us?

## Application

1. In what ways do you desire Jesus' continuing transforming work in your life? In what ways might you be apprehensive?
2. How do you feel God is speaking to you through this passage:
  - a. For your personal life?
  - b. For the church?
  - c. For this city?

## Prayer

*O God, continue to transform me. Thankyou for the ways you have transformed my life, may my life display Your splendour! Restore the ways in which I'm broken. Fill me with Your Spirit, empower us to help rebuild this city by the power of Your Spirit. Amen.*



## Study 2 - When Transformation gets Personal

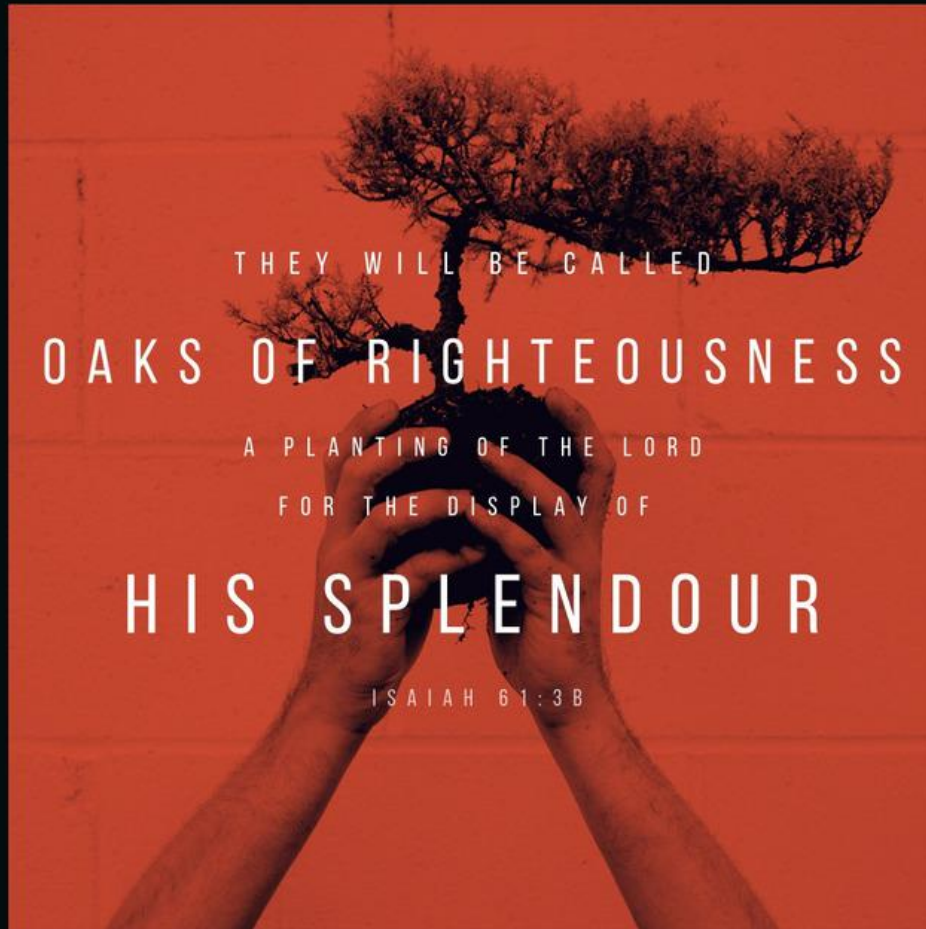
### Scripture

Read Titus 3:1-8

### Observations

Discussion Questions

1. In Titus 3:3 what does Paul say Christians are transformed from? Have you seen these things in your life (in family, work, school, entertainment, church)? What kind of passions and pleasures drive you? How have you seen or experienced the impact of malice and envy on relationships?
2. Have you experienced a transformation of your identity, outlook and behaviour? What does the transformed person in Titus 3:1-2 look like? What new identity and outlook does this person have (Titus 3:7)? In what ways do you resonate with or long for the transformation seen in Titus?
3. When, how and why does this transformation happen (Titus 3:4-6)? What part do we play in transformation (Titus 3:5)? What part does God play? Who can experience this transformation? Are there any prerequisites?



4. What does it mean to be saved “through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5)? See John 3:1-21 and Ezekiel 36:25-27. In what measure does God give us the Holy Spirit? What does this tell us about God’s desire and commitment to see transformation happen? How does it impact you to know that God has generously given us what we need for transformation?

### Application

1. How does God's grace in Titus 3 change your perspective on the need and the means of transformation
  - a. Personally?
  - b. In your close relationships?
  - c. In our church community?
  - d. In the city?
2. What might change in a) your personal life, b) our church, c) our city as we live out a life of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit?

### Prayer

*Lord, thank you for rescuing us from our old life of slavery to passions, pleasures, malice, envy and hatred. Thank you that you saved us out of your own kindness and grace. Help us to live in your grace and to live out our hope of eternal life. We ask you to keep transforming us by the power of your Holy Spirit! Amen.*

## Study 3 - Transformation looks like Jesus

### Scripture

Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

### Observations

#### Discussion Questions

1. In ancient times, letters of recommendation were sometimes used to confirm ministry credentials. In Paul’s view what is his letter, who wrote it and what does this mean for us? (v2-3)
2. In what ways is the new covenant shown to be superior to the old covenant? (v6-11)
3. Paul explains that where the Spirit of God is there is freedom. What freedom is Paul talking about and what should we do with it? (v17. See also Galatians 5:13-26).
4. What is God’s end goal for our lives (v18)? How do the following verses add to our understanding: Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:49; 2 Peter 1:3-8? How does this perspective change how you view life both in the good and the bad?



5. According to these passages, what is God's activity in transforming us, and how can we actively engage with this process?

### Application

1. How have you experienced the Spirit transforming you into Jesus' likeness? How did He do this?
2. In what ways do you think God wants to continue to help you become like Jesus? What can you do to engage with this continual transformation?
3. How do you think God wants to transform our congregation into His likeness?

### Prayer

*Thank you so much Holy Spirit that You counsel, empower and lead us as a community! Today we ask that You would help us to choose the way of the Spirit and that You would grow Your fruit in abundance in our lives so that our relationships would be overflowing with love. Help us turn away from the path of the flesh and choose to be led by You. Help us to also see one another as precious and crucial parts of the same body, using us to encourage each other in affirming and sharing our gifts to build each other up, that we might grow as one and that the world may know Jesus the Son of God! Amen.*

AND WE ALL,  
WHO WITH UNVEILED FACES  
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LORD'S GLORY, ARE  
BEING TRANSFORMED  
INTO HIS IMAGE  
WITH EVER-INCREASING  
**GLORY**

WHICH COMES FROM THE  
LORD, WHO IS THE SPIRIT.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18



## Study 4 - Surrendered Worship

### Scripture

Read Romans 12:1-2

### Observations

#### Discussion Questions

1. In Romans 12:1-2 Paul is making a passionate appeal for Christians to offer their whole lives to God. What motivation does Paul give us to do this (i.e. what is the “therefore” referring to)? What might be some unhelpful motivations to worship God? Why is it significant that Christian worship is a response?
2. What does it mean to offer our bodies as living sacrifices? What might this look like (see Romans 12:3-21)? How can we be holy and acceptable to God (recall Titus 3)?  
Is there anything in particular you find challenging about this call to worship?
3. What does it look like to be conformed to the pattern of the world? How is conforming different to being transformed? In Romans 12:2 where does the transformation happen?

4. According to Romans 12, how can we be confident that we know what God’s will is? How does God want us to discern his will? What are the 3 characteristics of God’s will in Romans 12:2? Does this change how you seek God's will?

### Application

1. How can you grow in your response of worship to God?
2. What are the conforming and transforming forces in your life? How is God inviting you to partner with him to see greater personal transformation through the renewal of your mind? What steps might you take?
3. How have you experienced God's transformation and renewal of your mind? What difference has this made in your life?

### Prayer

*Lord, thank you for all that you've done for us in Jesus. Thank you for making us holy and acceptable to you. We thank you that you gave yourself up as a sacrifice for us - help us now to live responding to you. Help us to have renewed minds that are able to test and know what your will is. We pray for a greater revelation of your incredible grace and mercy. And we long to see our lives and our cities transformed so that you might be glorified! Amen!*