

REVIEW/INTRO

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) — “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”

The goal of this series has been to help you understand who we are at the core of our values and beliefs:

- These values are the compass which points the right way to go when life is foggy and uncertain
- Core values help you understand why a person or organization does what they do

We’ve brought our value statements down to FOUR simple words:

- We value **TRUTH**... the Bible is true and the God of the Bible is true.
- We value **TRIBE**... a covenant community of LOVE and ACCEPTANCE
- We value **TRANSMISSION**... the Gospel to EVERYONE EVERYWHERE
- We value **TRANSFORMATION**... daily BECOMING more like JESUS

Romans 12:1–2

2 Corinthians 5:17

2 Corinthians 3:18

Romans 8:29

What is **TRANSFORMATION**?

- From the Greek word “metamorphoo”, where we get the word “metamorphosis”
- “to change into another form”
- Used to describe a change of form (like when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly)

What is **TRANSFORMED**?

- The way you THINK, ACT and REACT... what you DESIRE and your priorities
 - Your character and conduct
- YOU are transformed into a new person... Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - You will reflect the image of Jesus... 2 Corinthians 3:18, Romans 8:29

The process of transformation produces a **DISCIPLE** of Jesus

- (noun) “someone who adheres to the teachings of another”
- Disciple of Jesus is someone who **LEARNS** from Him in order to **LIVE** like Him

So, HOW do we EXPRESS this value of TRANSFORMATION?

1. It starts with _____.

John 3:3

Obviously, the first step in the transformation process is to be born again

- Your spirit must be made alive again to God

Colossians 2:13

2. Changing the way you _____.

Romans 12:2

Now that you are born again, and you begin discovering truth in the Bible by **READING** it

- Your current moral compass may not point to True North
- If what you think is truth is not from scripture, you are going to have to renew your mind and change the way you think

The process of being **TRANSFORMED** requires the **RENEWING** of the mind

- You can't change the way you ACT until you change the way you THINK

3. Changing the way you _____.

Proverbs 18:21

Ephesians 5:4

Proverbs 13:3

2 Corinthians 1:20

James 3:6

Part of the transformation process is changing the way you talk:

- Speak and declare words of faith over the circumstances of your life
- Bring your thinking and your talk into agreement with what God's Word says
- Speak truth in LOVE

Ephesians 4:29 and Matthew 12:36

4. Changing the way you _____.

Ephesians 4:17-29

Now that the Spirit of God lives in you, He begins to bring transformation from the inside out

- You can live like you always have (a Gentile), or live like a follower of Jesus (a son/daughter of God)
- 2 Peter 1:3

5. Transformation is a process begun by God and _____ by Him.

Philippians 1:6

- YOU can't fix you – it is GOD who does it!

It can also take a TRIBE

- Proverbs 27:17
- It is in the interaction with others whose desire it is to become more like Jesus that you grow

WRAP UP:

Philippians 1:6... Transformation is a lifelong process which will be completed when we are with Jesus