

CONNECT: Transformational Relationships

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The following content is intended to provide:

- i. A vision for Christ-centered community*
- ii. A paradigm for self-evaluation*
- iii. Parameters to evaluate current relationships/community.*

- 1. The basic ingredients for transformation are: God's Word, God's People, God's Spirit.**
- 2. Christ-centered Relationships are central to our transformation.**
(cf. 1 Cor 12:12-31; Eph 4:1-16;)
- 3. Transformational relationships are:**
 - i. Grounded in Truth**
(cf. Josh 1:8; 2 Tim 3:16-17; John 8:32)
 - ii. Lovingly honest**
(cf. Eph 4:15; 1Jn 1:5-10; Js 5:16)
 - iii. Fueled by the Spirit**
(cf. Gal 3:3, 5:23; Jn 14:15-26, 16:12-15)
 - iv. Prayerful**
(cf. 1Th 5:17; Eph 6; Rom 12:12; Phil 4:6; Col 4)
 - v. Grace-filled**
(cf. Jn 13:34-35; Gal 6:2; Eph 4:32; Jas 4)
 - vi. Safely uncomfortable**
(cf. Pv 27:17; Gal 6:1; Col 3:15-16; 2Ti 4:2; Jas 1:2-4)
 - vii. Mutually submitted** [includes "commitment"]
(cf. Eph 5:21; 1 Pet 5:2-5)
 - viii. Teachable.**
(cf. Ps 25:4-5; Pv 9:9, 12:1; 2Pt 1:3-11)
- 4. Transformation Costs!**
count the cost!
(cf. Lk 9:23; 14:25-33)

QUESTIONS

1. How necessary are Christ-centered relationships to our transformation
2. Self-evaluation: Are you a transformational person?
 - a. Which of the 8 characteristics of transformational relationships do you most exhibit?
 - b. Which do you lack?
 - c. What changes can you implement today?
3. Community-evaluation: Is your Group a community of transformation?
 - a. Which of the 8 characteristics of transformational relationships exist in your community?
 - b. Which ones are lacking?
 - c. What changes can you begin to implement in order to become a transformational community?

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