

LifeGroup Meeting

It's A Brand New Year, Is It The Same Old You
"Effectual Transformation"

Get To Know You Question:

What is your go to dance move? And can you show the group?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. Someone read **Acts 9:17-23**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you?
2. While Paul was working on his practical transformation (prayer, service, filled with Holy Spirit, and fellowship with Christians) he began to start telling others about Christ. Do you think Paul ever perfected the practical transformation?
 - What did you do last week to work on your practical transformation? Which one did you work on?
 - How often do we think we have to be perfect in our walk with Christ before we begin to start sharing Christ with others? Why is that?
3. For us to make an effect on our world, we will need to speak to others about Christ.
 - How easy is it to share with someone, even a stranger, something fantastic that happened in your life (i.e. a newborn baby, winning something, achieving something)?
 - For most Christians, we see the transformation in our lives because of what Christ has done as one of the greatest things in our lives. Why then are we hesitant to share that good news?
4. Pastor Scott mentioned several things when it comes to sharing Christ with others. Let's break them down and discuss them.
5. **DON'T GET DISCOURAGED.**
 - One of the greatest fears I have seen in Christians is that when they share someone might ask them a question they don't have the answer to. So instead of speaking, they will try act loving and kind. Why is just acting kind and loving not as effective as we may seem?
 - What I have discovered is that most people when they know I am a Christian will want to know if I am genuine or not. So they will ask me questions to see how genuine I am. What would you do if someone asked you a question you don't have the answer to?
 - We will never know all there is to the bible. Why is that a great thing?

6. WE NEED TO READ THE BIBLE.

- Someone read **Romans 10:14-15**. Preaching in this verse is the same as speaking. And since Paul is not writing to pastors, it is assumed we are all called to do this. What do you think is the number one reason why people don't speak?
- If we are going to speak about Christ to others, then we need to know him. If we are to know him then we need to read about him in our Bibles. How highly do you take Bible reading seriously? Explain.

7. START SLOW.

- Right now your neighbors and co-workers see you as only a neighbor or co-worker. What are some ways you can start slow and begin to get them to see you as the Child of God that you are?
- Scott mentions some ways to get them to see you as Christians. Maybe go to your neighbor and say your pastor was talking on how we need to pray more. Is there anything I can pray for you. What are some other examples we can use?

8. ACT LIKE A CHRISTIAN.

- If we are going to let people know we are Christ followers, then we need to act like a Christ follower. What are some things we do when we are around others that lets them know we are a Child of God?

9. SALVATION BELONGS TO GOD AND NOT YOU

- You will never lead anyone to Christ. That is God's job. Our job is to give them all the information and means that leads to salvation. Why is this so important for us to understand? Why is this a relief for us?

10. BE COURAGEOUS

- Sharing our faith in our culture can be scary because more and more people could care less about Christ. Or worse, what they know about Christians is that they are judgmental and small minded. To change this we will have to be heroic. Scott mentioned that the best way to be courageous and share our faith is to work on our practical transformation (pray, serve, be filled, fellowship). Why would working on those things allow us to be more courageous as we speak to others about Christ.

11. What is one thing you can do this week to speak about Christ to others?

12. End in Prayer.