



PART 7: TRANSFORMING INTO CHILDREN OF LIGHT

INTRODUCTION

We've all heard the saying "out with the old, in with the new." But, how would this principle apply to our hearts? In this series we'll learn about how Jesus wants to take the old way of life away, and give us a new way of living - to transform us spiritually, from the inside out. When you recognize that your heart needs renovating, you can begin to experience spiritual transformation into Christlikeness. This renovation of our heart is where we prepare ourselves for the kingdom of God. Jesus can provide what our souls long for, and He freely offers that to us when we make the decision to connect to Him.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:8	Psalms 23	Nehemiah 8:10	2 Chronicles 16:9	Proverbs 9:8
Philippians 4:8	1 John 4:19	John 14:27	Romans 12:1	
Matthew 6:9-13	John 15:11	Philippians 2:3-4	John 13:34-35	

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Throughout this series, we've talked a lot about what it means to look like Christ. Do you know somebody who you would say is "Christ-like"? What is it about that person that stands out as "Christ-like"?
2. Growing to be like Christ means surrendering our thoughts, feelings, will, body, and relationships to God. Which of these parts of life is the easiest for you to surrender to Him? Which is most difficult? Why do you think that is?
3. Read Philippians 4:8. Pastor Will talked about how all of these things are connected, often beginning with our thoughts. How can you begin to change your thought process to help you surrender what is most difficult for you (feelings, will, body, or relationships) to God's way of living?
4. Do you have something in your life that continually becomes a problem or temptation for your relationships, emotions, body, etc.? Where do you need to set up a guardrail, accountability, or boundaries to help you maintain a life of Christ-likeness. How can we, as a small group, help each other surrender to God in these difficult areas?
5. Which of these five areas describes the results you would most like to see in your life? What step can you take this week to shine light into this area? Will you challenge yourself to meditate and memorize Matthew 6:9-13 or Psalm 23?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to surrender myself to You; mind, emotions, will, body, & relationships. I want to walk in your light as a child of the light.