

# THIS IS WHY WE DO IT

- A healthy church wants to **know** Jesus and make him **known**.

This week's value:

Life change is a **natural** and **necessary** process for every Christ follower.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NLT)

### Life change doesn't happen until:

- ...we choose to **follow** Jesus.

When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)

- ...we allow **God** to make it happen.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think... Romans 12:2 (NLT)

- ...we **desire** it to happen.

Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you. Ephesians 4:22-24 (MSG)

### Life change is not:

- A better **version** of the old me.

...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

- More **religion** in me.

- Life change is not about **earning** God's approval or forgiveness.

...You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. Colossians 1:21-22 (NLT)  
Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so that freed from our sins, we could live a life that has God's approval. His wounds have healed you. 1 Peter 2:24 (GWT)

### When we choose to follow Jesus:

- It calls us to **repent** of our sins.

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Acts 3:19 (NLT)

We don't follow Jesus and continue to **do** what we've always **done**.

- It calls us to **confess** our sins.

God is faithful and reliable. If we confess our sins, he forgives them and cleanses us from everything we've done wrong. 1 John 1:9 (GWT)

- We do nothing to **earn new life**.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God... Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)

### When we choose to follow Jesus:

- We **partner** with God for a **changed** life.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

- Life change is a **process**, not perfection.

- Life change is a process of **becoming**.

For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son... Romans 8:29 (TLB)

### The process of life change:

- Change begins when we choose to **identify** with Jesus.

- Change happens as we **surrender** to God.

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- Change happens as we learn **obedience**.

Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. Hebrews 5:8 (NLT)

### Without transformation:

- We become **rebellious**.

That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness." Hebrews 3:7-8 (NLT)

- We become **religious**.

### Action Step:

- Take a **step** today.



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Why is life change a natural and necessary process for every Christ follower? What does that mean?
- Do you think we really want transformation in our lives? Explain.
- Talk through the sub-heading - "Life change is not:".
- Talk through the sub-heading - "The process of life change". Also, How will we recognize life change in ourselves? Have you noticed transformation in your life? Explain.
- What happens if we don't value transformation in our lives?

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in the courtyard  
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more info & sign-up sheet in the courtyard

Invite your friends!

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Muffins with  
*Mom*

After the Service  
In the Great Room

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Thank You!

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**Why We Need Transformation**

Sunday, April 21st, 2024

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