

Podcast Episode Notes
Season 1 Episode 10 “The Process of Transformation”

Are you being transformed or are you stuck? So often, our interaction with God tends to be functional. We have our list of “wants” and “needs” that we want Him to fulfill. We also work hard at learning about Him through His word. But notebooks full of information from Bible studies we’ve done don’t translate to a transformed life. Knowledge doesn’t mean a lot if there isn’t application. To be transformed into the likeness of Jesus, we need Scripture and the activity of the Holy Spirit to bring revelation. Then, we can obey the things that have been revealed to us and we become more like Jesus.

Transformation is the end game of Jesus’ blueprint for disciple making.

Transformation is a change, initiated by God, that when we cooperate with it, advances His Kingdom. It is *in* one’s life by looking and living more like Jesus and *through* one’s life, by impacting the lives of the people and the world around them like Jesus.

The book of Acts gives us an example of a transformational community. (Acts 2:42-47)

These second-generation disciples weren’t just being “taught,” but like Jesus had done with His twelve, they were being drawn into a life of godly obedience that was bringing transformation. They were applying what they were learning to their lives. Their new love for and obedience to Jesus was bringing about genuine transformation that began to spread throughout Jerusalem and beyond. (Acts 6:7)

- **A Presence Community** – There was a genuine and tangible sense of Jesus being near and with them as they gathered, interacted, and did what Jesus did, even amidst persecution (Acts 2, 5, 7).
- **A Praying Community** – in one accord (Acts 1:14, 2:42; 6:4; 12:1-7; 13:1-3)
- **An Empowered Community** – emboldened, healings and miracles, vision, angelic deliverance, jailor and his family converted (Acts 4:31; 10:9-48; 12:6-19; 16:25-34)
- **An Ever-Expanding Community** (Acts 2:41,48; 5:14; 6:7; 9:31; 11:10-26)
- **A One-Heart, One-Mind Community** – unity, sharing life together, meeting one another’s needs (Acts 1:14; 2:42-48; 4:32-34)
- **An Obeying Jesus Community** (Acts 1:15-26; 8:26-40; 10:9-48)
- **A Fear of the Lord Community** (Acts 2:43; 5:1-13; 9:11; 5:29)
- **A Missional Community** (Acts 13-28)
- **A Society Impacting Community** (Acts 17:6; 4:34-35; 11:27-29; 5:16; 8:7; 9:34)
- **A Sacrificial Enduring Community** – persecution (Acts 4:1-31; 5:17-42; 6:8-8:1; 12:1-3; 12:6-19; 16:16-40; 24:26-27; 28:17-31)
- **A Jesus-Glorifying Community** (Acts 2:21; 3:15-17; 4:10; 5:39-41)
- **A Disciple Making Community** (Acts 2:42-47; 5:42; 6:7; 15:35; 18:11; 28:31)

Transformation is something that God does. We as human beings cannot make spiritual transformation happen. But we can respond and obey. Study the example in Matthew 7. Remember, when God reveals something to you, it’s not meant to be negotiated, it’s meant to be obeyed.”

For more on the process of transformation, check out Chapter 1 of *The Jesus Blueprint*, available [here](#).

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