



Transform 1:8

Derek Sanford

March 4, 2018

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. **Leaders, please visit <https://whoisgrace.com/transform/> for more information about Transform 1:8, including FAQs**
2. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you or caught your attention?
3. Read **Galatians 1:11-24**. Paul tells his story of conversion and calling many times. Why do you think he does that? Why is it important for group members to tell their story to others?
4. Read **Acts 13:1-3**. Paul and Barnabas had a very specific call on their life. What impact do you think that had on them as they endured a very difficult mission? Have group members share something they are doing in their life that they feel God has directed them to do.
5. Read **Acts 4:32-37**. Barnabas was very intentional to supply for the needs of other believers. How can we develop that kind of focus in our lives? How can we develop a generous heart?
6. Read **Acts 1:8**. Ask group members share: who is their Jerusalem (relationships)? What call may God have for them in their Judea (Grace site)? How can they show up in Samaria (Erie)? How can they impact the world?
 - a. Do one of the three (Site- City- World) seem to be bubbling up in individuals as a place they are called to, passionate about serving?
7. Have group members share what God has been asking them to do as they have been praying about their part in the vision of Grace Church.

Next Steps: Have your group begin to pray and discuss how this specific group can have an impact on the vision of Grace Church.

Prayer Thought:

- **ADORATION:** Praise God for exposing his vision for Grace Church to our leadership.
- **CONFESSION:** Confess fears and reservations we might have regarding this vision.
- **THANKSGIVING:** Thank the Lord for how wonderfully he has blessed Grace Church in the past.
- **SUPPLICATION:** Acknowledge the utter weakness we have to complete this vision in our own strength. Petition our God to do a mighty work in our midst.

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*



TRANSFORM 1:8: Transforming YOU

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March 11, 2018

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. **Leaders, please visit <https://whoisgrace.com/transform/> for more information about Transform 1:8, including FAQs**
2. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
3. Pastor Derek said that being with Jesus renews us, reinvents us, and emboldens us to share Him with others. This all happens through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Read Acts 1:8 and Acts 4:13-37.** How can we live our lives today in the power of the Spirit?
4. What will it take to move your faith walk from 'Sunday only' to daily or from daily to hourly? How do you want your walk with God to be different three years from now?
5. **Read Acts 26:1-23** looking for how Paul shared his faith story. In verses 1-11 Paul talks about *his life before he met Christ*; verses 12-18 talk about *how he met Christ*; verses 19-23 tell *how his life changed after he met Christ*. Have each person write one or two sentences about each of these sections in their own faith story and then share if they are willing.
6. Here is a 2 minute video you could watch with your group about the power of their story – "Share Your Story" by Pastor Greg Laurie:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vwr9LAbuRaA>
7. **Read 1 Timothy 6:9-12.** What things should we run away from and what things should we pursue? How do you chase after righteousness and godliness? How can materialism keep you from that pursuit?

Next Steps: a) Think of 3 people in your life who don't know Jesus and commit to pray for an opportunity to share your faith story with them. b) What is one way you want your walk with God to be different three years from now? If you're willing, share with your group and pray for each other.

Prayer Thought: Father, I praise you for the way you keep working in my life. I confess that I often forget about you during my day. Thank You that you never forget about me for a second. Help me learn to follow you through every hour of my day and to chase after righteousness and godliness. Give me the chance to share my story with others so they can know you, too.

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TRANSFORM 1:8 : Transforming your RELATIONSHIPS, your SITE, our CITY, our WORLD

Pastor Derek

March 18, 2018

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. **Leaders, please visit <https://whoisgrace.com/transform/> for more information about Transform 1:8, including FAQs.**
2. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**. How does being in Christ make us a new creation? How does being a new creation make us an ambassador for Christ? What enables us to live for Christ?
4. Look at a couple of these passages from Acts. What did God call individuals or groups to do in the early church? Were they always sure of the details of their calling? Ultimately, how did God use their obedience?
 - a. **Acts 4:32-36; Acts 8:26-40; Acts 9:1-30; Acts 10:9-23; Acts 13:1-5; Acts 16:1-5; Acts 18:24-28;**
5. Take time to discuss all 4 areas of the Vision from **Acts 1:8**. Which one of the four do you feel God is primarily leading you to serve?
 - a. Where is God calling You at your site (step in/up), in our city (find your place and continue to serve), in our world (Go-er, sender, sponsor)?
 - b. Is there even a particular ministry or area you feel called to?

Next Steps: Mark your calendars for the Vision follow-up events to be held at each site (April 22 in GIR and HC; April 25 in MCK) where you can learn more about opportunities at your site, in our city, and in our world.

Prayer Thought:

Take time as a group to pray for the people you have a relationship with who need to know the hope of Jesus, for the Grace site where you worship, for the City of Erie, and for the global church. (*Leaders, please use the Transform 1:8 website and/or brochure to help focus the prayer time.)

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Transform 1:8 : Commitment Sunday

Pastor Derek Sanford

March 25, 2018

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Leaders, please visit <https://whoisgrace.com/transform/> for more information about Transform 1:8, including FAQs.
2. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
3. Read **Exodus 12:33-36** and **35:4-29**. How did the Israelites come to possess all the resources necessary for the building of the tabernacle? Do you imagine they had a clear understanding that their treasure was from God and should be given freely back to Him? How difficult is it for you to think of your "treasures" as belonging to Him?
4. Read **1 Chronicles 29:1-20**. After God establishes the nation of Israel in the Promised land, He instructs His people to build His Temple. What are the similarities between this account and the account of building the Tabernacle?
5. Re-read David's prayer (:10-19). What do we learn about God from this prayer? What do we learn about David's heart toward God?
6. Right Now Media offers several short videos that speak about giving:
 - a. "Treasure" <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/123396>
 - b. "Giving Generously" <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/126606>
 - c. "When Giving Comes First" <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/illustration/219074>
7. Trusting that Pastor Derek and the leaders of Grace Church are chasing after God, being led by the Holy Spirit, and fully devoted to God's mission for this local church, how will you commit to "giving generously" of time, talent, and treasure to this Transform 1:8 vision?
8. How can this group encourage each another, spur each another on and hold each another accountable to seeking God's calling for our lives?

Next Steps: Visit <https://whoisgrace.com/transform/> to make a commitment and to register for a Vision follow-up event at your site on April 22nd or 25th.

Prayer Thought: Read Jesus' prayer for his disciples and believers in **John 17**. Use His words to lead a time of prayer for unity in Grace church, unity among local churches, unity among churches worldwide in following God's call to make and be fully devoted followers of Jesus.

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