



TRANSFORMATIONS

YOU CAN TRANSFORM - (2 Corinthians 3:7-18) Community Group Discussion Guide

A knowledge of the Bible is important, however God desires us to be saturated with His Word and to internalize it so we can grow in our relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit uses the Word to make us more like Christ **Ephesians. 4:20-24**. Consider these benefits of internalizing the Bible: joy and rejoicing **Jeremiah. 15:16**; spiritual success **Joshua 1:8**; a tool in spiritual warfare **Matthew 4:1-11**; correction **2 Timothy 3:15-16**; light for our path **Psalms 119:105**; wisdom with problem solving **Proverbs 1:1-2**; and stimulating faith **Romans 10:17**.

Learning about the Bible just to increase our knowledge can lead to spiritual pride (1 Corinthians 8:1). But allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us by the Word helps us navigate through life's twists and turns and respond in love to God and to each other.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Change can be difficult, talk about a recent change you made in your life. How did it affect your walk with Christ?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read aloud 2 Corinthians 3:7-18.

Pastor Jason said "The hope of the gospel is that we can be transformed to be more like Jesus.". What characteristic of Jesus do you most admire? In what ways do you need the Holy Spirit's help to live out that characteristic in your own life?

Transformation starts with new life. What old habits or sin are you trying to overcome? What new habits or spiritual disciplines are you hoping to develop in the next few months?

Transformation is a process not a destination. Trusting in the process of transformation takes patience and perseverance. What makes it difficult for you to be patient and persevere in the process of transformation?

Transformation is letting go and grabbing hold. What fruit of the spirit do you hope to grab on to and grow in? **Fruit of the spirit:** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

MAKING IT REAL

Jesus called the Holy Spirit our helper. How do you need to Holy Spirit to help you right now?