



## NOVEMBER 17

# THE GOSPEL OF GOD TRANSFORMED



### GETTING STARTED

This weekend, we continued our series, *The Gospel of God*, and learned what it looks like to be transformed by the renewing of our minds to become like Jesus.

*REMINDER: This is our last week of Life Groups for the Fall Life Group Session. You will spend some time discussing this weekend's message and study, as well as reflecting on some of your favorite memories and important lessons from this session. You will also take communion together in your Life Group.*

Begin this study by reading these verses a few times and meditating on this higher calling we have as Christ-followers.

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

**Colossians 3:12-14**



### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What was one of your biggest takeaways from the weekend message?
2. In **Romans 12:9-21**, there are over 20 phrases that are signs of a transformed life. Read this passage and write down the words or phrases that speak to you the most. Why do you think these stand out to you?
  - a. This passage paints a picture of how a transformed life looks. Of all the areas listed, in which areas have you seen the Lord transform in your life? How did those changes come about? (E.g., through challenging circumstances, growing in wisdom, being impacted by the truth in His Word, supernaturally)
  - b. What area(s) of your life require the most transformation?
  - c. Read through this passage again, and as you do, think about each person in your Life Group. Which aspects of a transformed life do you see reflected in each person in your Life Group? Be sure to encourage those in your Life Group by sharing how you see evidence of transformation in their life.

3. In the message, Michael asked the following four questions that flow out of this passage to help us examine our lives, with the hope that these questions might change the way we think and act as Christ-followers.

- *Is Your Love . . . Sincere?*
- *Are You Serving . . . With Passion?*
- *Are You Growing . . . In Humility?*
- *How Are You Responding . . . To Your Enemies?*

a. Spend a few minutes prayerfully responding to each question and write down your answers.

b. In which of these areas have you seen God transform you the most since you've come to Christ?

c. In which of these areas do you think you still need to be transformed the most, and why?

4. Two weeks ago, Michael shared a message called *The Law of Love*, based on Romans 13:8-10. In that message, we learned that, for us as Christ-followers, living a life of love and seeking the best for others in every situation is a non-negotiable.

a. Have you made any intentional changes in the way you relate to others since then? If so, please explain.

b. **Read 1 John 2:9-10 and 4:19-21.** Is there anyone in our church or in your life that you know God is calling you to forgive? What keeps you from releasing them to the Lord?

c. **Read 1 John 3:10-16.** How would you summarize these verses in your own words? Have you ever seen examples of this mark of love being lived out in the Body of Christ? If so, explain.

5. As we learned, the mark of true humility looks like having an accurate view of ourselves, seeking the best for others, and putting their needs and interests above our own. Read **Romans 12:3** and **Philippians 2:3-11**.

a. Based on these verses, how might walking in humility look in each of your relationships? (E.g., family, spouse, co-workers, church friends)



## LOOKING BACK

This Fall Life Group Session, we have learned so much through the 10 weeks of messages and studies, which included *Church is Us (Week 1)*, *The Gospel of God*, and *All Hail King Jesus*. Take some time to review each of your Life Group studies from this session. What new truths stood out to you that you will hold on to? How can you practically apply these new truths to your life? Are there any steps the Lord is asking of you?



## COMMUNION

We celebrate communion to remember what Christ has done for us on the Cross. When we participate in communion, we are celebrating the Gospel. This week, you will be celebrating communion in your Life Group. To prepare for this, read and reflect on Matthew 26:26-30 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.