

The Life Challenge

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WARM-UP

In the service this week, Matt referenced the stories of Zacchaeus and Saul/Paul as being stories of transformation.

- What other transformation stories do you see in the bible?
- In the stories or accounts you identified, what details do you note about the transformation / how it came about / what it looked like?

DISCUSSION

In his teaching, Matt asked what the difference was between someone who was just an exceptionally good person, and someone who had been transformed by Jesus. He also shared 2 things that might indicate a difference between the two.

- What do YOU think? How can a person know if they are simply living the best version of who they are in and of themselves, or if they are living a life truly transformed by Jesus?
- What evidence could one look for to spot true transformation?

While examples and descriptions of transformation are in numerous places in the bible, the specific Greek word which means "to be transformed" appears twice in Paul's writing.

Read Romans 12:1-3

- What do you learn about transformation from this passage?
- What connection do you think exists between verse 2, where Paul specifically references transformation, and what he follows up with in verse 3?

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Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

- What do you learn about transformation from this passage?
- What does it indicate about the time frame within which transformation happens?
 - Is transformation a point in time event, or a process?
 - What implication does the answer to the question above have for your life as a disciple?

PRAYER

Take some time to engage in the "3 for 3" prayer challenge.

Bring before God the three people who don't yet know Jesus that you identified at the start of Matt's teaching, and pray these things for them:

- Pray that _____ would have repeated opportunities to see, hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.
- Pray that God would let you be one of those opportunities.
- Pray that _____ would respond to the good news of Jesus by following him as Lord.