

Transforming Our World Through Personal Renewal

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(Vision and Values – Part 8)

*“Gold Coast exists to build a community which proclaims the gospel of Jesus by loving people into the Kingdom of God, training disciples to make disciples, growing people into spiritual maturity, and **transforming our world through personal renewal.**”*

“...Transforming Our World...”

The power of _____ (Mt. 5:13-16)

The _____ of Jesus working through his church

“turning the tide, _____ at a time”

“...Through Personal Renewal...”

It impacts the _____

It's _____

It results in _____ love for God and love for others

Fill-ins: salt and light; track record; one life; whole person; continual; increased

Life Group Questions for the Week of October 17, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. We saw on Sunday that God desires us to be continually renewed. Lamentations 3:22-23 says, “his mercies... are new every morning...” What does that mean/look like?

3. What do the following verses tell us about the part the Word of God plays in renewing us? Which one means the most to you and/or has been most helpful to you?

Psalms 119:105

Hebrews 4:12

Ephesians 5:26

James 1:23

James 1:21

2 Timothy 3:16

Joshua 1:8

4. Colossians 3:10 says Christ-followers “have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.” On Sunday, we saw how spiritual renewal increases love for God and love for others. What are some indications that one's love for God and others is increasing?

5. When it comes to making a difference in the world, God doesn't expect us to do everything but he does expect us to do something. There's a well-known story about a young girl who was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to a starfish, she would pick it up and throw it back into the ocean. After doing this for some time, someone asked her, “Look at this beach! You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!” The girl bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up and replied, “Well, I made a difference for that one!”

What do you believe God is calling you to do in partnering with him to transform the world?