



Study Guide for
“Transformed: Share the Vision”
Feb 10, 2008
(101 level)

Open Up

During the next few weeks, our group will be journeying together with more than a hundred other Mountain small groups by aligning our group time with the Sunday messages and during-the-week prayer points. Let's start with this video that celebrates just a few of the transformation stories the Holy Spirit has been writing through our church.

[PLAY Transformed! DVD]

Discuss with your group your favorite parts of the video: pictures that brought back good memories, possibilities in Mountain's future that catch your imagination, etc.

TRANSITION: Throughout the Bible, God talks about transformation and change.

Dig In

(1) Read Romans 12:1-2 and Psalm 51:10-17. From these Bible verses or from your own experience, what are some examples of transforming behaviors that make us into living sacrifices?

(2) Read Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Acts 2:17-18 and Jeremiah 31:33-34. What are some Mountain programs or events through which God has “poured” into you a “new heart and spirit?”

Work On

Prayer will be a critical element in this transformation.

(1) As a group, discuss committing to the prayer points designed for each week's theme. These were e-mailed to leaders and available at the Transformed! section of Mountain's website.

(2) Prayer tents will be set up in the commons area of the NLC and at Cook during Transformed! Prayer team members, decision counselors, and elders will staff the tents to pray with individuals and families.

(3) Individuals can also join "Team Transform", and commit to pray for God's transforming will and power in your life and in the entire body at MCC. Sign up at one of the prayer tents.

Lift Up

Use Psalm 42:8 as a reminder of God's round-the-clock presence in our lives. As a group, pray for the Spirit's transformation of each person in your group.



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Advanced
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Dig In

(1) Read Deuteronomy 16:13-17 and Psalm 122:1-4. God commanded all the people of Israel to come together three times a year. “The pilgrimages were held only three times in the year, during the great feasts of Passover, First-fruits, and Booths. These feasts held a special redemptive-historical significance, as they commemorated God's goodness in the Exodus, the Conquest, and his continual care throughout the history of Israel.” (*Evangelical Commentary on the Old Testament*) What are some of the benefits the Israelite nation might have experienced from coming together in united focus at particular times during the year? What are some similar benefits for a large congregation (like Mountain) aligning around a united focus once a year?

(2) Read Romans 15:20-21 and Ephesians 2:19-22. What was Paul's vision for his future ministry? In what ways is this vision similar to Mountain's vision for transformation?

Work On

The next three Sunday messages are: Transform the World! Transform Maryland! Transform Me! From the vision Ben shares in the video or from ways the Spirit has been stirring in you, talk with your group about a possible transformation God may have in store for you during the next few weeks: Short Term Mission trip, praying daily for world missions, financial commitment to capital campaign, a “new heart” of compassion and care, etc.

Another Step

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