Why Do I Need Community?   *Series, The Power to Change* Feb 12, 2023

Romans 12:1-13

1Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Theme & Goal:
The Holy Spirit is **E**  you to be transformed in the **C** .

Romans 12: 2

…be transformed by the renewing of your mind…

Transformation [Sanctification] is 100% work of the **H**  **S**  & 100% your **P**  in an on-going journey.

1. Command & Imperative
2. Passive Voice
3. Present tense

What does the transformation look like?

Transformation in three stages:

1. **J**    2. **S**    3. **G                            .**

1. **JUSTIFICATION**:

You are justified by the **W**  of Jesus Christ and received His **R** .

1. **SANCTIFICATION**:
You are being **T** , becoming more like Jesus Christ

1. **GLORIFICATION**:

You will be like Jesus Christ in His glory.

1. Be transformed by not **C**  to the pattern of **S** -**R** .

Romans 12:2

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2. Be transformed by **B**  in the community.

Romans 12:4-5

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Why do we need community?  Because of the **T** !

3. Be transformed by **S**  the community.

Romans 12:6-8

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4. Be transformed by **L** the community.

Romans 12:9-13

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Applications: 1. **C**   2. **W**  3. **R       !**

SLIDE

1. Crawl: **B**  in a houseChurch!

1. Walk: **S**  in the community!

1. Run: **D**  someone to belong in the community.