

# A Transformational Community

Acts 2:42-47

(one page vision statement)

We Are!

A transformational community

Fully devoted Christ followers- Who

Reflecting Him to the world- What we do.

## **Why transformation?**

Transformation is essential to the Gospel!

God has guaranteed it!

Transformation brings glory to God!

## **What does a transformational community look like?**

*<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.*

*<sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common.*

*<sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

*<sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,*

*<sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

**They devoted themselves.**

Apostles' teaching

Fellowship

**They cared for one another 44-45**

*And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. Acts 2:44 NLT*

**They spent time together 46**

**The Result 47**

**Principles of transformation!**

**Transformation is God's work in us.**

*I don't just do the things Jesus would have done; I find myself wanting to do them. They appeal to me. They make sense. I don't just go around trying to do the right things: I become the right sort of person. (John Ortberg)*

**Transformation glorifies God.**

Transformation comes from a focus on God not a preoccupation with self.

Transformation points to God's work not ours.

*The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God (St. Irenaeus)*

**We need to cooperate in the process.**

As we respond positively to the work God does in our hearts, he does more.

*Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*  
John 13:7

The more we respond to God's work the more we desire Him.

## **Transformation affects every area of our lives**

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! II Cor. 5: 17*

**Big Idea:** *Transformation is a work of God in us through His indwelling Holy Spirit that glorifies Him and affects all of who we are.*

### **Take Away**

*Lord, in what area of my life do you want to make me more like you?*