

Jesus' Family  
E. Wayne Drain ~ Luke 8:19-21

- Jesus defines His family, His mother, brothers and sisters in an unconventional way.
- Jesus' Family
- Kinship in people of God is no longer grounded in physical descent, but is based on **hearing** and **doing** or putting into practice, the word of God.

THE BIG IDEA:

Jesus came to transform the meaning of family in a way that will change our entire identity.

Looking Back

2009- an interesting year!

- We stayed after our G.R.O.W. VISION
- 48 new souls added to God's family
- Already in 2010 we've seen 5 saved and 5 baptized just during January!

Looking Forward

The BIG THING we are hearing for 2010 is about:

“SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION!”

- Ten years ago many spoke of need to focus on Spiritual Growth.
- We, as a community of believers, need to be Spiritually Transformed so that we can be used to Transform others

Our BIG GOAL:

“Fellowship of Christians will transform our city, state and the na-tions through living God's Word and relying on the Holy Spirit”

We start by allowing the Holy Spirit to Transform us, so that we can become Transforming agents for others.

What is Spiritual Transformation?

Transformed- metamorphoo (Hebrew)-change, metamorphosis.

A transformer-One who or that which transforms.

**The Holy Spirit is the original transformer.**

How Do We Do That?

3 Models of Spiritual Transformation

- Fellowship Model
- Spiritual Disciplines Model
- Counseling Model

The best approach will integrate all 3 in real life situations

How Do We Do That?

Balance the inward and out-ward elements.

A relational church and a Missional church.

What is the Process Here?

- Identity, Community, Integrity, Ministry
- *“When you are born again a trans-formational process begins in your life. This involves knowing your identity in Christ **SO THAT** you can make yourself known to others*

- *in a Christian community with integrity **SO THAT** you can pursue a lifetime of growth in the context of community **SO THAT** you are best equipped to glorify Christ by serving (or ministering to) others.”*
- The Christian life cannot be lived out with integrity in isolation.
- “Where can I serve?” is not an optional question. Every believer should ask it.

Jesus came to serve, not be served.

A Season of Great Opportunity

- Folks are in need.
- Folks are struggling with debt.
- Folks feel isolated and alone.

*Prophetic Word from Searcy Saints*

“I see FOC as a life boat flowing in peace. I saw a group of birds-I think they were eagles. They were bringing people to the Life Boat who need to be rescued. I feel the Lord saying you should love on people God brings to you this year.”

Who is Jesus' Family?

Whoever hears God's word and does it!