

MISSION-SHAPED

Possible

Pastor E. Paul Allen – June 18, 2017

1. Open in prayer.

2. Read and discuss how the Vision of Transformation Church must be accomplished through relationships.

The Vision of Transformation Church is to be a multiethnic, multigenerational, mission-shaped community that loves God completely (Upward), ourselves correctly (Inward), and our neighbors compassionately (Outward).

3. Read the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) and discuss practical ways we can love God completely (Upward), ourselves correctly (Inward), and our neighbors compassionately (Outward).

4. Read John 3:16 and Luke 19:10 and discuss Jesus' mission. If we are to be shaped by Jesus' mission, how then should we live our lives? (With what end in mind?)

5. Read and discuss Galatians 5:22-23.

a. Review how each word is an expression of love.

Joy	Love singing
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Peace	Love resting
Patience	Love enduring
Kindness	Love's true touch
Goodness	Love's character
Faithfulness	Love's habit
Gentleness	Love's humility
Self-control	Love holding the reigns

b. How is God's fruit produced in us?

6. Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a and discuss what this scripture says "love is" and "love is not." How can you allow God to use this scripture to help you "love yourself correctly" and "love your neighbor compassionately"?

7. How does God's upward, inward, outward love make it possible for you to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus in your everydayness of life? (Share life examples of being mission-shaped in love.)

8. Take time to read and embody our soul-tattoo during this series.

a. Go and be mission-shaped by God's love.

b. Over the next few weeks, take time to marinate on the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40), the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), and the Vision of Transformation Church.

9. Close in prayer.