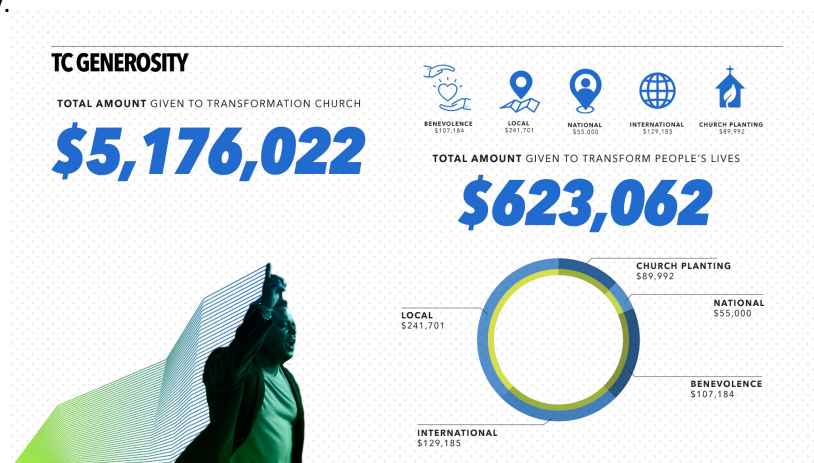


GROUNDWORK

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR UNITY, HUMILITY, AND COMMUNITY

A New Way to be Human

- Open in prayer.
- Jesus wants to give you an opportunity to become truly human.
 - Read and discuss Acts 2:41-47 (CSB).
 - Pastor Derwin said, “Jesus is a portrait of what humanity is supposed to look like. God wants to live in and through us and teach us how to be human.” Discuss this statement.
- Jesus’ new humanity is characterized by:
 1. A Devotion to the Gospel
 - Read Acts 2:42a.
 - **Note:** “Apostle” means messenger.
 - Pastor Derwin said, “We often take the things that God created and worship them, instead of worshipping the Creator.” Discuss this statement.
 - Discuss the following statement by Pastor Derwin:
 - We all need three things in life:
 - Unconditional love
 - Forgiveness
 - A new identity
 2. Partnership
 - Read Acts 2:42b-43.
 - **Note:** “Fellowship” means partnership.
 - Jesus is the unifier that brings us together. Discuss what it looks like to live a life of partnership with Jesus and with others. (Upward, Inward, Outward)
 3. Sacrificial love
 - Read Acts 2:43-47a.
 - Only the love of Christ can fulfill us. How has God’s sacrificial love impacted your life?
 - Review the generosity chart from our *Year In Review – 2017* (www.transformationchurch.tc/give) and celebrate all that God is doing through our generosity.



4. Purpose

- Read Acts 2:47b.
 - Pastor Derwin said, “Our job (occupation) is not our purpose. Our purpose is to let God love us!” Discuss this statement.
 - Whatever it is that you do, you are showing the image of Jesus to the world! Discuss the impact of living a life on mission in your sphere of influence.
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- **Soul-tattoo:** Will you accept Jesus’ invitation to a new life?

 - Close in prayer.