

TRANSFORMATION CHURCH

Gospel Friends

CONVERSATION GUIDE: WEEK ONE

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SERMON RECAP:

This week we began a new sermon series, Gospel Friends. Throughout this series, we are exploring what it means to have gospel-centered friendships. In this week's sermon, Pastor Derwin talked about the aim of friendship. When you look back on your friendships throughout life, what have been the goals or purposes in each? Did you feel that you became a better person as a result of these relationships? Have you made those around you better?

A Gospel Friend is a person who makes you a better version of yourself. Lasting Gospel friendships include trust, loyalty, honesty, and presence. As you have conversation in your small groups, think about some gospel friends in your life who exhibit these qualities, and think about how you can express these characteristics as well.





Jorge + Maria

GOSPEL FRIEND STORY:

Jorge and Maria came to Transformation Church in 2011. Although they are both native Spanish speakers and were used to attending Spanish-speaking churches, they were drawn by the vision of Transformation Church. As they listened to the preaching each week, relying on the Holy Spirit to bring clarity and understanding, they fell more in love with God and His multiethnic family. They began serving in various areas at TC – parking team, barista team, and the choir. Through these ministry teams, they have been able to make connections and gospel friendships that last. The language barrier has been transformed into a bridge across cultural lines.

Last year, they were able to join a TC Group for the very first time when we began offering Spanish-speaking small groups. What they love about their group is that they are finally able to have meaningful conversation about the sermons with full understanding and full expression in their native tongue. They have a group they can walk alongside with through life's ups and downs. And although their group is completely in Spanish, half of their members are native English speakers who wish to learn Spanish and connect with the Spanish-speaking community at TC. What a wonderful environment to grow in trust, loyalty, honesty, and presence.

Discussion Questions:

UPWARD:

- Read John 15:12-15. Jesus says, “Love one another as I have loved you.” How has Jesus loved us?
- Have you ever considered that Jesus is your friend? How does that thought change your perspective of Jesus?

INWARD:

- Read Romans 12:9. How do you “cling to what is good” in your life?
- At TC we say “inward – to love ourselves correctly.” What does it mean to love yourself correctly? How can you be a good friend to yourself?

INWARD:

- Lasting gospel friendships have trust, loyalty, honesty, and presence. Take a moment to discuss each of these qualities. How have others been a gospel friend to you? How can you be a gospel friend to others?



Soul Tattoo:

Participate in the Lord's Supper at home.
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Action Step:

Explore serving at TC by filling out a serve interest form or taking our interactive serve course on the website.

