

TRANSFORMATION CHURCH

Gospel Friends

CONVERSATION GUIDE: WEEK SEVEN

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we are conquering evil with good.*

SERMON RECAP:

This weekend, Pastor Derwin concluded our sermon series Gospel Friends with a message on how friends conquer evil with good. As Christ followers, we know that brokenness is an unfortunate reality, but that doesn't mean we're content with the injustice, evil, and hurt in this world. God's people are to bring heaven to earth as His hands and feet. We are called to be gospel friends who are committed to joining God in overcoming evil. We can do this by encouraging and challenging our friends to be obedient to Jesus and to live on mission for God's kingdom. Have you pointed out a friend's sin and called them into the light? Have you ever had a friend lovingly call you up to your true identity in Christ when you were walking in sin? That is a gospel friend. We aren't supposed to judge or condemn our friends but to remind them of the truth and abundance in Christ. When we encourage our loved ones to operate out of His Spirit in them rather than their flesh, we are partnering with God in conquering evil with goodness.



Demico + Sydney

GOSPEL FRIEND STORY:

Demico and Sydney serve on our Next Steps Weekend Team. They first heard Pastor Derwin on his podcast and felt compelled to visit. After their first visit, they both knew TC was home. They felt the Holy Spirit calling them both to participate in the mission of TC. In their serve roles they speak with first-time guests, help them get oriented, and let them know about how to get connected to the family at TC. They say, "We're the hands and feet of Jesus. A lot of times we may be the only Jesus that someone sees." Demico and Sydney understand that they aren't just welcoming people into the lobby and auditorium on Sunday mornings; they are partnering with God and His Church to bring heaven to earth. They are leading with love and grace. "I've always been taught that a warm smile goes miles. When people come through the door, you don't know what they are coming in with. You don't know what type of week they've had. You don't know what type of morning they've had a lot of times. As a result, it's important that I help the Lord usher in that spirit that's going to allow them to be able to receive the Word."

They've also been able to form friendships through their ministry teams. Demico shares that his friendship with Andy McIntyre has had a great impact on him: "That's my brother from another mother. We communicate at least once or twice a week. It's good to have that friendship. Andy makes it easy to share my thoughts and feelings." Through their friendship they can sharpen one another and remind each other of who they are in Christ. That's a gospel friendship!



Discussion Questions:

UPWARD:

- God doesn't need us to do anything for Him, but He still invites us to partner with Him in conquering evil with good. What does that say about God?
- Read Luke 4:18-19. What does it mean to live on mission with God?

INWARD:

- Read Romans 12:1-2. How do we transform our minds? In light of these verses, why is it important to be conscientious of what we listen to, watch, and consume?
- Think of a time a friend encouraged you to walk in the Spirit rather than in the flesh. How did that make you a better Christ-follower?

OUTWARD:

- Who can you walk alongside fighting for good over evil?



Soul Tattoo:

Commit to being a Gospel friend.

Action Step:

Continue to develop gospel friendships and invite someone to community through small groups as we begin our Jonah series.



If you haven't taken the opportunity to sign up to serve on a ministry team, scan the code to learn more.