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GROWING IN GOD'S GARDEN OF GRACE

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RECAP: As we continue in our Flourish sermon series, today we turn our attention to flourishing in our faith. Pastor Derwin shared that in order to flourish in our faith we need a vision, a strategy, and a source of power. The vision at Transformation Church is to be a multiethnic, multigenerational, mission-shaped community that loved God completely (Upward), ourselves correctly (Inward), and our neighbors compassionately (Outward). This vision is God's vision and comes from two biblical passages known as The Great Commandment and The Great Commission. Our strategy is developing five crucial holy habits, what we call the five characteristics of a Transformer: Worship, Connect, Serve, Give, and Invite. As we develop these characteristics we will grow as disciples of Jesus. Our source of power is God's infinite and inexhaustible power. It's only through the Spirit's enabling power that we can accomplish the mission God has set before us. When we tap into God's vision, God's strategy, and God's power we will flourish in our faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Before you begin, take an assessment of your spiritual life. Do you feel as if you are flourishing in your faith at the moment? Why or why not? Remember that your small group is a place you can share and be encouraged.
- Read Matthew 22:37-39. This passage is known as the Great Commandment. How do you see "upward, inward, outward" displayed in these verses?
- Read Matthew 28:18-20. This passage is known as the Great Commission. How do you see "multiethnic, multigenerational, mission-shaped" displayed in these verses?
- Read Transformation Church's vision aloud together. Commit to memorizing it and sharing it with someone this week.
- Recall the five holy habits Pastor Derwin shared in the sermon: Worship, Connect, Serve, Give, Invite. Of the five habits, which one resonates with you the most or perhaps comes easily to you? Which one do you have a harder time with? How can you commit to growing in each area over the next few months?
- Read Acts 1:8. What does the Holy Spirit empower disciples to do? How can you be a witness in your home, workplace, community, etc.?