



January 6, 2019 - Pastor Robin W. Pifer

Message: "Transformed: For Christ's Glory"

Scripture: 2Cor 5:17; Romans 12:2; 2Cor 3:18

"A Relationship with Jesus Christ changes Everything!"

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Reformation vs. Transformation. Transformation is the work of the Spirit of God in our hearts through the gospel to make us more and more like Jesus.

Strategy of Jesus - Winning the Lost, Building Believers, Equipping and Training Workers and Multiplying Leaders.

Oxford's Core Ministry and Ministry Priorities

- **Honour God** by Seeking and Treasuring Him Together.
- **Go and Share** the Gospel for Kingdom Impact.
- **Equip God's People** to know and respond to God's Word.
- **Cultivate authentic Community** that serves with joy and compassion.

What Can We Be? Acts 2:42-47

1. The Living Church – A Sacred Place for Worship and Prayer.

Congruence /Change - Presence of God

- Prayer Week.
- Seeking Excellence.
- Expecting God to work.

2. The Loving Church – A Safe Sanctuary for Healing Relationships.

- Healthy Individuals and Families

- Large Group and Small Groups

Connection/Care

- Life Group or Ministry Group

John 13:34-35 The Mark of a Christian – Francis A Schaefer

3. The Lasting Church – A Saving Place of Refuge

Creativity /Contribution – Reaching Out.

- Outreach Training and Events.

"I would like to invite you to my church." "Come and See."

"We exist for the people not here yet!"

(John 5:1-15) v. 8 "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

1890/2019 ---"Get Up and Get Going!"

Life Group Questions

- What is the difference between reformation and transformation?
- Discuss some ideas to improve the Core Ministry and Ministry Priorities of Oxford. Email your ideas to one of the pastors. What are you willing to act upon to strengthen these areas as a group or as an individual?
- Why is the church to be a living organization rather than an institution? How does this happen through worship and prayer? Why should we expect God to work each time we gather for corporate worship or in our Life Group?
- In what practical ways can we be more of a loving Church through connection and care?
- In point three Pastor Robin gave some practical ways of being more outreaching. Discuss these. How can you implement these ways into your conversation with others?
- Discuss – "We exist for the people not here yet?" How does this change your view of why the church exists?
- How do you want the Lord to transform you this year?