

The Truth That Transforms: The Book Of Romans
“Shaped To Serve”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: If we want real life change, we must allow God’s Word to transform us.

We Can Help More People Find And Follow Jesus By:

1. Serving Out Of Gratitude With Humility

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a **living and holy sacrifice**—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God **transform** you into a new person by changing the way you **think**. Then you will learn to know **God’s will** for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” **Romans 12:1-2 (NLT2)**

“Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: **Don’t think you are better than you really are**. Be honest in your **evaluation** of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. **We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.**” **Romans 12:3-5 (NLT2)**

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **Not so with you**. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your **servant**, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to **serve**, and to give His life as a **ransom** for many.” **Matthew 20:24-28 (NIV)**

2. Discovering And Developing Our S.H.A.P.E.

❖ **Spiritual Gifts**

“In his grace, God has given us **different** gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is **serving** others, serve them well. If you are a **teacher**, teach well. If your gift is to **encourage** others, be encouraging. If it is **giving**, give generously. If God has given you **leadership** ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing **kindness** to others, do it gladly.”

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

❖ **Heart**

“For God is working **in you**, giving you the **desire** and the **power** to do what pleases Him. Do everything **without complaining** and **arguing**, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. **Hold firmly to the word of life...**”

Philippians 2:13-16 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

❖ **Abilities**

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to **serve others**, faithfully **administering God's grace** in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV), Exodus 31:1-5

Notes: _____

❖ **Personality**

"Love the Lord your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIND and with all your STRENGTH." **Mark 12:30 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

❖ **Experiences**

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **compassion** and the God of all comfort, who **comforts us** in all our troubles, so that we can **comfort those** in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.” **2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

➤ **How can my S.H.A.P.E. help people find and follow Jesus?**

I will make my next right step this week by:

- [] Using my S.H.A.P.E. to minister God's Grace in: _____
- [] Filling out **My SHAPE To Serve Personal Gift Mix Handout**
- [] Accepting Jesus as my Savior and Lord for the first time
- [] Following Jesus in Believer's Baptism on November 21, 2021

Cornerstone Ministries I may be interested in:

- [] Administration [] Children [] Youth/Teens
- [] Visitation/Meals [] First Impressions [] Hospitality/Café
- [] Media & Sound [] Men's [] Prayer & Celebration of Life Quilts
- [] Facilities [] Women's [] Worship

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

Big Idea: If we want real life change, we must allow God’s Word to transform us.

Open your group with a prayer.

Icebreaker:

Share a time when you felt like a fish out of water doing something you were not good at.

Family Corner:

S – What are you **Spiritually** gifted to do?

H – What does your **Heart** beat passionately for?

A – What are your natural **Abilities**?

P – Where does your **Personality** fit the best?

E – What are your **Experiences**?

We Can Help More People Find And Follow Jesus By:

1. Serving Out Of Gratitude With Humility

Read Romans 12:1-5

What stands out to you about this verse?

2. Discovering And Developing Our:

❖ **Spiritual Gifts**

Read Romans 12:6-8 & 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Why is it important for us to remember that we have “different” gifts?

What do you do well?

Which gift do you think you might have?

How are you using it?

3. Discovering And Developing Our:

❖ Heart

Read Philippians 2:13-16

What does your **Heart** beat passionately for?

Which area of ministry are you the most interested in?

What will help us stay planted in the right areas?

4. Discovering And Developing Our:

❖ Abilities

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11

What is an ability that you could use to help the church?

5. Discovering And Developing Our:

❖ Personality

Read Mark 12:30

How would you describe your personality?

Shy? Outgoing?

Up front or behind the scenes?

6. Discovering And Developing Our:

❖ Experiences

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

What experiences do you have where God has been a comfort to you that you could share to be a comfort to others?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.
