

# Transformation Journal

November 8

Daily Devotions for the week of November 8, 2009

**Monday:** Review Sunday's notes. *You are the church. The church is wherever you are since you are an ambassador for Christ – his agent of reconciliation.*

**Scripture:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

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**Journal Questions**

1. Reflect on your motives for all that you do as a part of your Christian life. Does it all stem from the love of Christ urging you on (5:14)? Or are there some conflicting motives?

**Prayer Focus**

Pray that God might purify your motives. Pray that you might experience the love of Christ urging you on today.

**Tuesday:** *Jesus commissions his followers to make disciples. This is their primary task. Everything else is secondary*

**S**cripture: Read Matthew 28:16-20

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**Journal Questions**

1. As a follower of Jesus, how clearly are you focused on making disciples?
2. What outside influences dilute and diminish your primary task?

**Prayer Focus**

Pray to return to the source of your commission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Pray that our church and all of our groups may be clearly aligned with this mission.

**Wednesday:** *From the very beginning, Christianity was a movement of God's grace and love. It was at the church in Antioch where followers of Jesus were first called Christians. Acts 11 gives us an early glimpse into how this movement was taking shape in one of the early churches.*

**S**cripture: Read Acts 11:19-30

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**Journal Questions**

1. Do you think of Christianity as a mission movement or as a self-help religion? Which was the church at Antioch.
2. What is the difference between the two?

**Prayer Focus**

Pray that we might become a movement again, like we were at the beginning of Christianity and of Methodism.

**Thursday:** *The story of the movement of God's grace through the church at Antioch continues in Acts 13. Barnabas and Saul (also known as Paul) are sent to spread the Good News to other parts of the world.*

**Scripture:** Read Acts 13:1-5

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**Journal Questions**

1. How are you like Saul and Barnabas?
2. Where are you being sent in your life right now to be in mission for Christ?

**Prayer Focus**

Pray that you might see yourself as a missionary of Jesus in every context you are in.

**Friday:** *Today's reading is the conclusion to Paul and Barnabas first missionary journey. You can read the whole journey by reading all of chapters 13-14. Notice how they launched new churches in each place and the role that prayer and fasting had in their work.*

**Scripture:** Read Acts 14:21-28

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**Journal Questions**

1. What kind of a movement is God seeking to create through us at Good Sam?
2. What might the role of prayer and fasting play in becoming that movement?

**Prayer Focus**

Pray for God to do all that God wants to do in us.

**Saturday** – Read over your notes for the week and see how you are doing with your personal applications.