

From the message on October 1

*Jesus Matters Most: when Jesus matters most ...
a clear message follows
representing Jesus in the world follows*

Text Galatians 1:6-9 and Matthew 28:18-20

From the Sermon

Transformation is the change-process Christians experience by God's grace through the Holy Spirit's effective work as we trust, draw upon, and fully embrace Jesus' sufficient salvation. Transformation begins when a person who does not know the good news about Jesus hears and personally trusts Jesus' salvation. Transformation deepens as we learn to draw upon Christ's salvation for personal understanding and identity. Likewise, transformation widens as we embrace Christ's purposes in our church and in the world.

Opening Interaction.

What makes a plant grow?

How can you tell that growth is happening?

Read the passage and Discuss

In these passages, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?

What is the author communicating to his audience (the readers)?

What does this passage teach us about Jesus mattering most?

- Read the main Galatians passage, followed by Galatians 2:1-2. How significant is it that the Apostle Paul took care to check the clarity of his own message?
- Read the Matthew passage. What goes into representing Christ well?
- In what ways do the two themes - becoming increasingly clear on who Jesus is, and representing Jesus in the world - relate to each other? For all their similarities, how are each unique?

Encourage Each Other Through Prayer

1. Pray for both the Ladies' Getaway and Men's Retreat, both scheduled for October. Safe travels, prayerful rest, and growing in grace are goals for each weekend.
2. Pray for the formation of the Pastor Search Team. Recommendations were received through September 24th, and a search team is being assembled.
3. Pray for Family Ministries. Their volunteers and staff have made child-safe practices a significant priority. We can partner with their diligence by praying that God continues to protect our Calvary kids and students!

Information, if you need it:

Lead Pastor Search Updates can be found at <https://calvary.church/leadpastorsearch>

Financial contributions can be made at <https://calvary.church/givenow>

Oil Change is looking for volunteers to work welcome and hospitality roles. Find out more at <https://calvary.church/community>