



*Our Talk It Over is prepared each week by the teaching pastor and is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each listener. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel.*

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## WHAT IS THE CHURCH? PART 3: A Hub of Transformation

1. The goal of faith is personal and communal transformation. In what ways have you seen yourself or your community transformed through following Jesus?
2. What does it mean to you personally to "follow Jesus"? How do you discern which "path" or "leader" to follow when culture offers so many alternatives?
3. Contrast the "do more, faster" path of culture with Jesus' alternative wisdom, which includes rest and trust in God. How does this resonate with your own approach to work and rest?
4. The qualities of the transformed life are the "Fruit of the Spirit," such as love, joy, and peace. Which of these do you find yourself longing for the most, and how can you practice living in a way that encourages their growth?
5. If we are to be a "Hub of Transformation," how can we as a church more effectively help one another experience personal transformation and become agents of change in our communities?
6. Given that church attendance has declined 40% in the past 30 years, do you think the church is still relevant in today's society? Why or why not?

