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Riva Trace Baptist church is real people with real faith building real community in order to transform our world for Jesus Christ.

## Transformation Defined

At RTBC we believe that being part of the church of Jesus Christ means that we are contributors and not consumers. We are called to make a positive spiritual impact on the world in which we live. God has called us to Himself not just to bless us, but to bless others through us. He gives us all we need and more so that His overflowing grace, truth, and love in our life will transform our world. Our world is as small as our family, our neighborhood, and our job, and as large as the furthest nation of the world that has yet to experience the unconditional love of the God we know and serve.

## Transformation Begins With Self

John 1:35-40

#### **From**

- Spiritual death
- Walking in disobedience
- Being not a people
- Lost in sin
- Serving Ourselves

### To

- Spiritual life
- Walking in obedience
- Being people of God
- **Alive in Christ**
- **Serving God and Others**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Cor 5:17

## Transformation Grows When You Share With Those Closest To You

John 1:41-42

Peter Was....

- First
- Told
- Brought
- Seen

He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the messiah!" John 1:41

## **Transformation Continues Forward** When God Sends Someone To Us!

John 12:20-26

### Andrew...

- Had something to share
- Was faithful to continually bring others
- Was entrusted with more (Luke 16:10)
- Willing to keep sharing

# Transformation Is Fully Operational When We Are Going To Our Community!

Acts 17:1-9

- Paul was initiating
- Paul started with "hungry hearts"
- Paul was focused on Jesus
- The response was mixed
- The message was transformational
- Success is measured by faithfulness, not response

"These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also!" Acts 17:6

## Questions For Today

- Have YOU been transformed by Jesus?
- Who close to you needs to hear about Jesus from you?
- Are you ready for God to send someone to you?
- Are you willing to go to those who need to hear?

## Circles of Transformation

