



January 11th
Dude, Where's My Church?
"The #1 Issue"

Big Idea: "Am I Becoming an Extraordinary Follower of Jesus?"

Open it: The worst thing about last year (2008)?

The best thing about last year 2008?

Many of us have been in a relationship with Christ for years. The question this week is simple, "Are you becoming more like Him?" Christianity can become clouded with issues and concerns but the #1 issue is always are we becoming like Him. If God's intentions are to grow us, how are we doing? This lesson will get to the Heart of Heartlands mission, "Are you becoming an extraordinary follower of Jesus?"

Dig It: Read Romans 12:2, Galatians 4:19, II Corinthians 3:18.

1. After reading these verses describe God's desire for us to be transformed. Is it expected? Is it optional?
2. Read I Corinthians 9:24-27, I Timothy 4:7-8, Luke 6:40. In this lesson we talked about the need to "train" for godliness. We need to arrange our lives around **practices that will allow God to grow us.** Describe in your words the difference between trying and training? Can you give an example of how you have been changed or have you seen someone else changed by training our lives?
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Reflect on it: Before you answer the following answer this: Where in your life have you been changing? Where in your life are you the basically the same? We identified three practices that will allow God to change us:

1. Immersing your mind in Scripture. Where is your mind immersed now? How can you immerse your mind in Scripture?
2. Train by Loving and serving others. How easy is it for you to talk about how you will serve someone but not follow through. How will loving and serving others "transform us?" Who can you love and serve this week?
3. Cheer each other on in strong spiritual relationships. How can this group help each other grow this year?

Do it:

1. Do you expect to change this year? Pray as a group for transformation.

