

The Church: A Community that Transforms

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- I. Introduction: What does a corporate experience of spiritual transformation look like?

- II. Transformed by the Spirit of the Living God
 - A. Through the Word

 - B. Through prayers

- III. Transformed by being attentive to both “explicit” and “implicit” theologies
 - A. What are they?
 1. Transformative discipleship
 2. Effective evangelism

 - a. Questions non-Christians ask: “then” and “now”
 - i. What are the shifts?
 - ii. How should Christian witnessing communities respond?

 - b. Proclaiming and practicing the Gospel

C. Congregational culture: shaping the congregation's implicit theology

1. Each church has its own unique congregational culture that shapes people.
2. Each church's leadership needs to carefully *analyze* and biblically *evaluate* its congregational culture.
3. A congregational culture has multiple levels.
 - a. Artifacts
 - b. Shared, practiced values
 - c. Shared underlying assumptions
4. A congregational culture can be re-shaped.

IV. Discussion



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