

Propel the Gospel to go everywhere.

People become new, transformed creations when they imitate Christ in their ways and lives. Their eyes are opened to what imitators of our Lord can do for Christ by looking at the lives of godly leaders, like the apostle Paul, who imitated the love, grace, mercy, goodness, kindness, truthfulness and other attributes Jesus is known for in the Gospels.

We read in 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10: *You became imitators of us (Paul and his group of evangelists) and of the Lord, for you received the Word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere...*

Imitators of Christ set an example to others and as such promote transformation where the Lord's example becomes the standard of Christian living. This sanctified life of the believers *amplifies the Word of God* to such an extent that it “*goes forth everywhere*”. It makes the Gospel credible, desirable and beautiful!

Transformed people help to transform their church by becoming imitators of our Lord in every facet of their lifestyles.

Do you prayerfully desire to do what Jesus would have done?

Does your Christian example inspire others to receive the Word and be transformed?

Does your Christian life contribute to the transformation of our congregation into the church that Jesus prayed for?

Does your imitation of Christ contribute to propelling the Gospel to “go forth everywhere”?