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Structure for Transformation

Mark 3:13-19

Jesus started a revolution in spiritual transformation. And the Spirit-filled structure for that revolution was not an institution nor a denomination nor any kind of large gathering of people; it was a _____ gathered together around the Word. And so it has been ever since.

Discussion 1. Why do you suppose small groups are such powerful vehicles for real spiritual transformation? What do you see as some of the benefits that make them so effective at bringing about life change?

The Christian walk is necessarily a walk in community with others; specifically, with a _____ of friends who are all following Christ together. If we are watching and looking, we can count on God to help us find that community.

Discussion 2. Who is your small group, gathering together around the Word and learning together? How did God lead you to that group?

Just like with the apostles, no matter our diversity nor our flaws nor how ordinary we are, our gospel communities and small groups are never more “on brand” than when we are _____ on _____. When we are getting it right, He is what binds us together.

Discussion 3. What kinds of things might distract a small group (maybe even your own small group) from gathering around and focusing on Jesus?

The change agent for our individual spiritual transformation is the Holy Spirit. But the God-ordained structure or vehicle for that process is a _____ of friends doing life together with Jesus.

Discussion 4. When was your most life-changing season? Who was your “small group” during that time? What difference did they make to that life-change process?