

## **Letting My Actions Speak**

### **Study Questions**

#### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What might be some of the reasons that we do more talking about love rather than demonstrating our love to others?
3. The Bible presents that we need to be authentic people. In your own words why is this essential to growing as a Christian? How could not being authentic hinder our growth?
4. It is easy to think that we can get away with sin. Have you ever thought that way? What makes this way of thinking so dangerous? Can you think of a Bible verse that supports your answer?
5. Pastor shared Isaiah 5:20 which warns us about attempting to re-define evil as good and make good evil. What are some areas that we see this happening in our culture? How does this impact our culture?
6. Read Romans 16:19. Many today, even Christians, believe there is value in being worldly wise. What is the admonition of the Bible in this verse? What might be some reason that the Bible encourages us to be naïve (innocent)?
7. How we treat others is a major emphasis in the Bible. What is the Bible communicating in the two statements found in Romans 12:10?
8. Maintaining our spiritual passion for Jesus takes work. What Biblical practices do Romans 12:11 present? How would/are these helpful to you?
9. Would you agree or disagree with the statement that Christians today have become soft? What insights can we glean from Romans 12:12?

#### **Digging Deeper**

10. Share with your group what you are working on this week.

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### **Series: Transformed**

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*"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."* 1 John 3:18 NLT

#### **I Need to be Authentic**

*"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them."*  
Romans 12:9a NLT

*"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."* 1 Timothy 1:5 ESV

*"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."*  
James 3:17 ESV

#### **I Need to Quit Playing with Sin**

*"Abhor what is evil;"* Romans 12:9b ESV

*"Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned?"* Proverbs 6:27 ESV

*"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"* Isaiah 5:20 ESV

## **I Need to Cling to What is Good**

*“hold fast to what is good.”*

*Romans 12:9c ESV*

*“For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.”*

*Romans 16:19 ESV*

## **I Need to be Part of My Church Family**

### **- By Putting Others Before Myself**

*“Love one another with brotherly affection.”* *Romans 12:10a ESV*

### **- By Treating Others with Dignity**

*“Outdo one another in showing honor”* *Romans 12:10b ESV*

## **I Need to Work at Maintaining My Spiritual Passion**

### **- By Getting Off the Couch/ Getting Out of Bed**

*“Do not be slothful in zeal”* *Romans 12:11a ESV*

### **- By Doing Something Spiritual Daily**

*“be fervent in spirit”* *Romans 12:11b ESV*

### **- By Not Quitting**

*“serve the Lord.”* *Romans 12:11c ESV*

## **I Need to be a Warrior for Jesus**

### **- By Keeping My Eye on the Finish Line**

*“Rejoice in hope”*

*Romans 12:12a ESV*

### **- By Standing My Ground**

*“be patient in tribulation”*

*Romans 12:12b ESV*

### **- By Staying Connected to Jesus**

*“be constant in prayer ”*

*Romans 12:12c ESV*

## **I Need to Share with Others**

### **- By Being Generous**

*“Contribute to the needs of the saints”*

*Romans 12:13a ESV*

### **- By Sharing My Stuff**

*“seek to show hospitality ”*

*Romans 12:13b ESV*

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*1 John 3:18 NLT*