

August 27, 2023

The Bridge Bible Fellowship - Annual Church Business Meeting

Pastor Paul S. Brown

Colossians 1

“Transformation!”

Hebrews 13:17

I. The Mission: “Our mission is to glorify God by multiplying mature (maturing) disciples and healthy churches that know Jesus Christ and make Him known.”

II. The Method

A. Philosophy of Ministry – Col. 1

1. P _____ / P _____ of Christ (24)

2. P _____ (24-25)

3. P _____ (25-26)

4. P _____ / P _____ (28-29)

a. **The Purpose**

b. **The Process**

c. **The Price**

5. P _____ (3-20)

B. Practical Application: Inform & Transform

1. **Information**

2. **Transformation Groups**

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Read **Hebrews 13:17**. If you are an elder, what is this verse challenging you to do? Why is this easy or hard for you? If you are not an elder, what is this verse challenging you to do? Why is this easy or hard for you?
2. If you were an alien dropped into the middle of a typical American church and observed it for one year, what do you think you would conclude was its main focus / priorities / philosophy of ministry?
3. Look at the 5 points under Philosophy of Ministry. As a member / attender of The Bridge, what is your role in helping the church maintain that philosophy? How are you personally doing in moving toward **perfection** (maturity)? In what areas of life are you growing the most? Where do you need the most help to mature and become Christlike?
4. What suggestions would you make for us to excel still more as a **praying** church? Would you be willing to help us develop in this specific area? Send your ideas to Pastor Paul: paul@bridgebible.church.
5. The elders would like all members to regularly attend the worship service and one other group (Adult Bible Fellowship; LIFE Group; Equipping Electives; Student Ministries). What might be some benefits (for yourself and for others in the church) if you engaged faithfully in that way? What are some common reasons people might give for not being engaged with a local church that regularly? How would you answer those objections biblically?
6. The elders would like everyone to be involved in a **Transformation Group**. How would this help them carry out God's responsibility given to them in Hebrews 13:17 and Col. 1:28-29 (see also Acts 20:28-32; Eph. 4:11-15; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)?
7. What impact might a Transformation Group have on you in the following areas:
 - Spiritual disciplines
 - Overcoming specific sin issues
 - Helping others grow to be maturing / multiplying disciples of Jesus
 - Faithfully reaching out to the lost with the gospel of Jesus
8. If you would like to join a Transformation Group, please email Groups@BridgeBible.church or call the church office (818-776-1500).

[Answers to blanks: *Praise / Preeminence; People; Preaching; Perfection / Perfecting; Prayer*]