# A Communal Strategy for Spiritual Growth

## PURPOSE

The goal of every Christian is to be transformed (spiritually formed) into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

*For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son...*  
Romans 8:28

*[You] have put on the new self which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*  
Colossians 3:10

## MEANS

- ✓ learn and apply (obey) the Scriptures  
- ✓ depend upon the Holy Spirit  
- ✓ apprentice the life of Jesus  
- ✓ practice the spiritual disciplines  
- ✓ live out your life in mutually supportive biblical community (Brotherhood)

## MANNER

- ✓ diligent  
- ✓ intentional  
- ✓ high priority  
- ✓ wholehearted  

*To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy which so powerfully works in me.*  
Colossians 1:29

*Make every effort to add to your faith...*  
2 Peter 1:5

## RESULTS

- ✓ personal growth  
- ✓ reputation  
- ✓ leadership  
- ✓ impact  
- ✓ fulfillment  

*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor... to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to released the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.*  
Luke 4:18-19

*As the Father sent me, I am sending you.*  
John 20:21

## YOUR DECISION

1. Will I devote myself to the *process* of becoming more and more the man God planned for me to be when He sent Christ to rescue me and the Holy Spirit to renew me?

2. Will I commit myself to the *practice* of meeting weekly with other men so we can help one another in our spiritual transformation into the likeness of Christ?