

## **Summary**

This sermon focuses on the transformative power of encountering God during worship, using the story from Luke 13 about Jesus healing a woman who had been bent over for 18 years. The pastor emphasizes that church attendance shouldn't be merely routine, but rather an opportunity for genuine transformation through encountering God. The message stresses that believers shouldn't leave church the same way they came in, but should expect and be open to God's transformative work in their lives.

## **Intro Prayer**

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive Your transformative power. Help us to be honest with ourselves and each other as we explore how You want to change us. Guide our discussion and help us to see the areas in our lives where we need Your healing touch. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Ice Breaker**

Think back to a time when you experienced a positive change in your life. What was different about you before and after that change?

## **Key Verses**

Luke 13:10-17

Romans 12:2

## **Questions**

What does it mean to you personally to 'not leave the way you came'?

The sermon mentions that people come to church for different reasons. What initially brought you to church, and has that reason changed over time?

How do you distinguish between going through religious motions and having a genuine encounter with God?

The woman in the story had been suffering for 18 years but still came to worship. What keeps you coming to church during difficult times?

What are some things you might need to 'let go of' to experience God's transformation in your life?

How can we maintain the transformations God works in us beyond Sunday morning?

The pastor mentioned that sometimes we hold onto things even after God has freed us from them. Why do you think we do this?

What role does worship and giving glory to God play in our transformation?

### **Life Application**

This week, identify one area in your life where you need God's transformative power. Spend time each day surrendering that area to God and actively looking for ways He might be working to change you in that specific aspect of your life.

### **Key Takeaways**

True worship should lead to transformation, not just routine attendance. We must differentiate between who we are and what we suffer from.

Transformation requires both God's deliverance and our willingness to let go.

Recovery and healing may take time even after initial deliverance.

Genuine transformation should lead to authentic praise and worship.

### **Ending Prayer**

Lord God, thank You for Your transformative power in our lives. Help us to not resist the changes You want to make in us. Give us the courage to let go of what needs to be released and the faith to receive what You have for us. May we leave different than we came, changed by Your presence and power. In Jesus' name, Amen.