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EPIPHANY MORPHICS 301 (Reaching Up – Personal Change)

A. COMMUNION

1. WHY?

- a. Wrong Motivations
 - i. HUNGRY
 - ii. Everyone else is DOING it.
 - iii. Putting our FAITH in a sacrament.
- b. Right Motivations
 - i. Christ felt it was IMPORTANT. Matthew 26:26-28
 - ii. To remember Christ's SACRIFICE. John 14:6

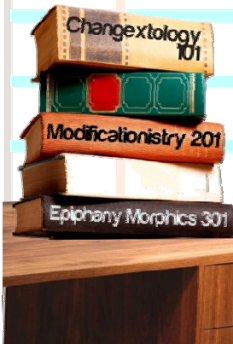
2. **WHO?** Who are we? - FGT's Vision Statement
People of passionate faith, experiencing acceptance, transformation and hope and extending it to others.

3. **WHAT?** What is important to us?
People + Growth + TRANSFORMATION

B. BAPTISM

1. WHY?

- a. Wrong Motivations
 - i. To look SPIRITUAL.
 - ii. To IMPRESS or APPEASE loved ones.
 - iii. To ENSURE salvation.
- b. Right Motivations
 - i. People are baptized, not IN ORDER to be saved, but BECAUSE they are saved!
 - ii. To publically IDENTIFY with Christ.
 - iii. To be OBEDIENT.



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2. WHO?

- a. Who are we? 2 Corinthians 5:17 Romans 6:4-5
- b. Who can be baptized?

3. **WHAT?** What is important to us?
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Romans 12:1, 2

C. SERVICE

1. WHY?

- a. Wrong Motivations
 - i. GUILT
 - ii. Make an IMPRESSION on someone.
 - iii. Trying to be saved BY WORKS.
- b. Right Motivations
 - i. We follow Jesus' EXAMPLE. Matthew 26:26b-28
 - ii. To live a MISSIONAL life.

2. WHO?

- a. Who are we?
- b. Who should serve? Ephesians 4:11-12

3. **WHAT?** What is important to us?

D. IMAGINE

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E. TAKING IT HOME

1. What obstacle has kept you from experiencing the TRANSFORMATION that God has in store for you?
2. What is one action step you can take this week to overcome that obstacle?
3. What is one area here at FGT that you feel like you could serve effectively?
4. Send me an email - jstewart@fgtchurch.com - and let me know what God is saying to you.