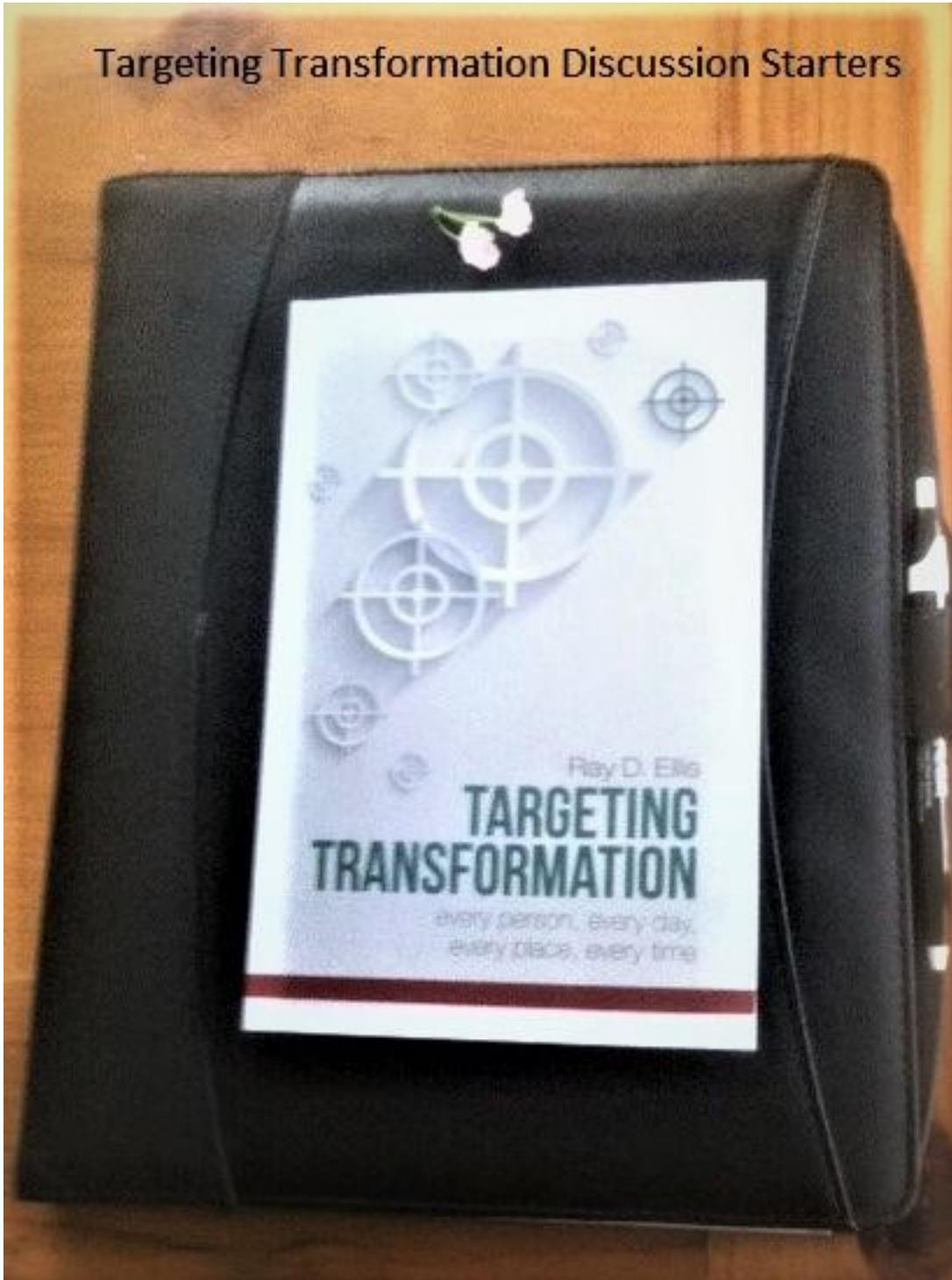


Targeting Transformation Discussion Starters



"We all have people in our lives we don't get along with. This book will help you navigate your daily interactions, and its guidance, will transform you and your relationships."

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Part 1

Read Matthew 11:25-26:

What do you think Jesus intended for us to understand with these words?

Chapter 1

1. Can you relate to the discussion about church that Ray had with his father? (pages 6 and 7).
2. Do you feel that your church is accepting and inclusive to all people?
3. Do you believe there is “uniformity” of purpose in most of our churches today?

Chapter 2

1. What do you think about the statement presented by Brennan Manning on page 13?

Can you relate to this idea from personal experience?

2. Mike Rankin offers a challenging goal for counseling students (p.15). Do you believe this is practical in today’s world (rather you are a student or not)?
3. How do you feel about the statement on page 17: *“You need to learn how to act like a new person who is deeply loved by God.”*
4. Do you feel that our local churches are doing a good job of sharing the mindset of question 2 above?
5. Romans 12:2 is a pivotal point of Targeting Transformation. Take the time to discuss what the Apostle Paul is saying in this verse, and the possibilities they can have in your life.

Chapter 3

1. In this chapter, Ray addresses the issue of needing a good—up-to-date map—so we know where we are, and how to get to where we are going. In your Christian walk, do you feel you have been shown this type of mapping plan?
2. What do you think about the statement made on page 25; *“Make it your practice to demand that the Holy Spirit be in charge of each and every session.”*
3. Discuss Barna’s explanation on page 27.
4. Spend time discussing and understanding Barna’s Ten Stops on page 28 and the Graph (Map) on page 30.
5. Do you see how Jesus’ words from Matthew 22:37-39 (p.32) agree with the “Map” we are now asked to use?

Chapter 4

1. How do you feel about the statement by Dutch Sheets on page 34?
2. Consider the statement: *“life is busy.”* Discuss the question: is your life currently “busy” with the “right” things?
3. Discuss the formula and explanation on page 36. Then break down and discuss each part of the “Diet of Brokenness.”
 - Disobedience causes brokenness
 - Internal Brokenness
 - External Brokenness
 - Transformation Brokenness
 - Targeting Quiet Time
 - Targeting Holy Spirit
4. The Romans 10:21 and Isaiah 65:2 text (p.36) can be a real challenge to those serving in ministry. Can you envision the picture of God holding out his hands to you?

Chapter 5

1. Can you relate to Sharon's faith-based statement (p.48): *"I think God is mad at me."*
2. Can you relate to the faith-based statement made to Jesus (p.49): *"What does God want us to do?"*
3. Discuss the faith-based statement made by Chris (p.51): *"I think it's time to give up on my marriage and find a real Christian woman."*
4. What do you feel about the statement Ray makes on page 53? *"Success is about staying true and focusing on the goal of speaking into the faith-based statement, and not about what we think the outcome should be."*
5. How do negative faith-based statement affect you?

Part 2

Matthew 11:27 can be a challenging text (p.57).
What are the implications of what Jesus is saying?

Chapter 6

1. Discuss 1 Corinthians 2:16b, and how this fact is a key to our transformation journey (p.61).
2. Does the "Integration using David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)" seem helpful in your life (p.62)? Do you see the possibility of this story, and others like it, being helpful to you and other people?
3. Spend some time looking at and discussing "Thinking about Your Thinking" 1-8 (p.63-64).

Chapter 7

1. The “L” in LOVE is totally about you. Discuss the four bullet points on page 68, with that thought in mind.
2. How do you feel about the four areas outlined in this section?

Boundaries

Vision

Assessment

Preparation
3. With the above thoughts in mind, discuss the statement: “*You have to be willing to empty your cup every day*” (p.72).

Chapter 8

1. The “O” in LOVE is about how we interact with other people. With this thought in mind, what do you feel about the first paragraph under *Listening* (p.75)?
2. Spend some time looking at and discussing the “Blocks to Listening” (p. 77-79) and how they relate to our target of other people.
3. Do you relate to the examples shared on page 79?
4. Can you relate to the story of the Store Clerk on page 80? Do you believe we often miss these simple opportunities?

Chapter 9

1. The “V” in LOVE is about sharing the value of each and every person you meet, each and every day, each and every time. How does that thought complement the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20?
2. How do you feel about the statement on page 86 from Greg Ogden?
3. How do these thoughts, fit or do not fit, with your life environment?
4. Do you feel challenged by the words of Dr. Faust (p.89-90)?
5. Do you feel challenged by the list of “Traits of Wise Persons” (p.91)?

Chapter 10

1. The “E” in LOVE is directly centered on prayer, and the empowerment it brings. With this idea in mind, how do you feel about “a” and “b” on page 94?
2. Take time to discuss the two areas of “*Reflect*” (p.94-95) and “*Each and Every Person*” (p.96-97).
3. Spend some time with this thought: “*What better way is there to bring a person one step closer to Christ than to lift them up in prayer to the Mighty Creator, God?*”
4. Based on what you have discussed to this point. Do you feel the concept is too overwhelming? Are you too busy to implement these concepts?

Part 3

Matthew 11:28-30 are sometimes doubted by otherwise strong believers. Why do you think this is the case?

Chapter 11

1. Spend some time reading and discussing the middle paragraph on page 104. Do you agree? Disagree? Other thoughts?
2. Spend some time reading and discussing “*Using the New Map*” (p.107). Do you agree? Disagree? Other thoughts?
3. George Barna shares insight on three things that change when we follow the new map. Discuss each, and how we might see each lived out.

Attitude Shift
Behavioral Shift
Fruit.

4. How do you feel about the last paragraph in this chapter (p.113)?

Chapter 12

1. Spend some time looking at the two maps on page 116 and how the journey of our pilgrim, John, progress through these stages. (Using a larger USA map, or downloading Ray’s illustration from the web sight might be helpful).
2. This journey must become personal. Where do you see yourself on this journey? How do you see yourself helping others on their journey?

Chapter 13

1. Do you understand why some people might share one of the views of God that is listed on page 126?
2. David A. Semands list on pages 126 and 127 can be very real. Discuss these possibilities.
3. The second paragraph on page 128 sums up the concept of Targeting Transformation. Discuss these words from the concept of what they mean to you, and how you may use them in the future.

What these words mean now:

Focusing on this concept in the future:

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