

**Week #1 Intro and the Involvement Stage**

**1. Intro:**

**a. *Why this Series?***

**b. *Ways that understanding transition can help:***

- i. Clarity
- ii. Care for others - 2 Cor. 1:3-7
- iii. Evangelism or Empathy
  1. Mark. 6:31-34
  2. 1 Cor. 9:19-23
  3. Rom. 12:15

**c. *Overview of Series:***

- i. The Transition Experience by David C. Pollock
  1. Involvement
  2. Leaving
  3. Transition
  4. Entering
  5. Re-Engagement
- ii. Biblical Examples –

**2. Involvement Stage:**

**a. *Doesn't Feel like a stage, because we like to call this normal.***

- i. What it feels like for us:
- ii. What it feels like for those around us:

**b. *What are some Advantages of the "normal"?***

**c. *Is "normal" always a good place to be?***

- i. Complacency
  1. 1 Samuel 8: 1-7

2. Deuteronomy 8:10-20

ii. 3 Universal Statements about Change:

1. *Change always means* \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Examples: the Exodus (Ex. 16:1-3), Joshua (Deut. 34:5-12),
- b. How does this reality affect the way that you respond to others going through change?
  
- c. How have you experienced the loss of change in your own life?

2. *Change doesn't always mean* \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Examples: the Fall (Gen. 3), Rehoboam (1 Kings 12:12-15)
- b. When have you experienced a change that didn't feel positive?
  
- c. When have you experience positive change?

3. *Growth always means* \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Examples: Terah (Gen. 11:27-12:1 & Josh. 24:2),  
Outworking of Salvation (Phil. 2:12-13),
- b. Is there a time in your life where God brought change to grow you?
  
- c. What do you personally need to do to always be changing in this way?