

Romans 12 Discussion Guide

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Romans 12:2 (NAS): And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

DO NOT BE CONFORMED

Better way to say it: Do not be _____ **TO THIS WORLD**

Better way to say it: by this _____.

Do not be shaped by this age.

There is just so much that sin has broken in this present age and Satan is capitalizing on it. So Paul tells us, don't be shaped by this present age that is under the control of sin.

This world (present age) is being orchestrated by _____.

Do you have a sin, or sinful habit that is shaping your character, your being?

BUT BE TRANSFORMED

Transformation is **our part** of: (pick be)

Justification

Sanctification

Glorification

Look up: 2 Corinthians 3:18

2 Corinthians 4:18

Hebrews 3:1

Hebrews 12:2

What is our part of transformation?

BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

Colossians 3:1–5 (NAS): Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. 5 Therefore consider the members of your

earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Circle, Highlight, or Underline Your Obligation towards a Renewed Mind

Where do you battle the most?

What are some of the values of the present age that are contrary to God's values?

Read John 17:13-18. What does it mean to be *in* the world, but not of the world?

THE CHALLENGE

I want to challenge you to truly reflect on your own life. Are there aspects of your life that are being shaped by this present age? A good place to start is by:

- Look at your social media accounts. What are you posting? Are you stirring the pot? Or are you being a source of peace and light?
- Look at your conversations. What is it that you find yourself talking about a lot? Are they innocent things? Healthy things? Or do you find yourself ranting and gossiping?
- Look at your priorities. What is filling your head during the week? What are you eager to do and consume?

If you need to repent from anything then do it honestly. Ask God to help renew your mind.

I also want to challenge you to reflect on what it means to set your mind on things above. What are the characteristics of the kingdom of heaven that you can meditate on? A great place to start is the gospels. Read through Matthew, Mark, or Luke. John is a great gospel but I think you'll get more out of this exercise if you look at the synoptic gospels first. I promise, if you begin to fill your mind with kingdom values and attributes then you will begin to manifest those in your actions and then you will be a living sacrifice to God.

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1) Consider a season of fasting
- 2) Join us Tuesday Nights at 7:00pm for prayer
- 3) Pray and ask God for a "word" to keep you focused on your spiritual walk this year
- 4) Share the word with others. (Let Pastor Joe know. Text him 240-1469)

5) Have a Bible reading plan – or join Pastor Joe or Staci Young and do the 49 week plan at YouVersion Bible.

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