



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

“Renew Your Mind”

Stand alone: Romans 12:2

Reading and Discussion:

“Making Disciples isn’t the finish line, it’s the starting point. The finish line in this life is maturity”
- Jason Bullen

In this life we go through a lifelong process of becoming more like Christ, this is called sanctification. One key aspect of sanctification is a transformation through a renewal of the mind. This week, we will discuss what it means not to be conformed, how to be transformed and how to renew our mind.

Read Romans 12:2

The first part of this verse is a strong command: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world.” The world around us constantly tries to shape our thoughts, behaviors, and values. It presents us with patterns that often contradict God’s ways.

- What patterns does the world use to try to shape us?
- How can we recognize worldly patterns?
- How have you conformed to the patterns of this world?

The second part of the verse shifts from what we should not do to what we should actively pursue: “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

- What does it mean to “be transformed?”
- Who are we being transformed into? (Romans 8:29)
- How can we renew our mind? How does each of these help to renew our mind? (give each group member a verse to read).
 - Devote yourself to prayer (Mark 1:34)
 - Devote yourself to God’s Word (John 8:31-32)
 - Devote yourself to fellowship (John 1:14)
 - Devote yourself to serving others (Luke 22:26-27, Galatians 5:13-15))
 - Devote yourself to forgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15)
 - Devote yourself to showing growing gratitude to God and to others. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- Which one of these mind renewing devotions do you need to apply to your life?

Important announcements:

- Baptism Sunday will be on May 26th. If you are interested in getting baptized, please let Pastor Stanley know.
- AJ Wright will be preaching about being on mission next week!
- Invite 3 unchurched people to church this week! Live on mission!