

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Renewing Your Mind

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Memory Verse: Romans 12:2 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Renew your mind by applying Scripture to every worldly mindset.

For the questions you choose to ask, first read the connecting Scripture.

1. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** Because of God's overwhelming mercy toward us in Christ, our reasonable response is to offer our entire lives back to Him as a living sacrifice. In the Old Testament, a sacrifice was brought to the altar, offered completely, and no longer belonged to the one giving it. Being a living sacrifice means recognizing that our lives belong to God and that everything we have has been entrusted to us from Him. How would seeing yourself as a steward rather than an owner change the way you use your time, abilities, and resources? What is one opportunity this week to use your time, abilities, or resources to serve someone else as an act of worship to God?
2. **1 Timothy 6:15-16 & 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.** A prevalent mindset that tries to conform us away from God is that we are our own king. Scripture tells us that He is King and we belong to Him. Where in your life are you tempted to put what you want above what God has called you to do? What makes putting God or others first a challenge for you?
3. **Read Romans 12:19.** God is a God of justice, but He calls us to steward His justice rather than operate in human rage. How do you notice your mood,



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patience, or physical tension changing when you engage with online outrage or inflammatory commentary? In those moments, are you tempted to step onto the throne of judgment yourself rather than trusting God to make all things right? What step can you take this week to cultivate a spirit that is "slow to anger?"

4. **Read Psalm 27:1-3.** Media outlets and social media algorithms profit off our fears because fear keeps us scrolling for solutions. What is one boundary you can place on your phone, news intake, or media consumption this week to protect your heart from algorithm-driven anxiety? How can you replace that scrolling time with a healthy rhythm like prayer or meditating on God's Word?
5. **Read John 16:33.** Another mindset that tries to form us away from God is that we can solve all our problems right this second if we just read the next book, get the next life-hack, or listen to the next podcast. When does searching for helpful information become a way of putting our hope in finding the right answer rather than trusting God? Because of sin, the world is full of challenges, interpersonal tension, and pain. Where are you experiencing some of these things right now? How does Jesus' promise of peace in Him give you hope as you trust Him with a situation that isn't resolved yet?
6. **Read Colossians 3:16.** One way to actively form ourselves more like God is to be part of Christian community. When Paul uses the word "you" here, it is the plural form, "you all" signifying the importance of living out our faith with others. How have you experienced the benefit of being active in Christian community? What internal hesitations or fears rise up in you when you consider being fully transparent with others about the dark areas of your life?
7. **Read Philippians 1:6 & 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.** Formation into Christlikeness is something that happens with time and does not have instant shortcuts. Is there anywhere in your spiritual walk you are feeling discouraged by slow progress? How does meditating on the promise of these scriptures give you peace to keep taking small, faithful daily steps? Looking back over the last year or two, where have you seen God refining your character?



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