

Romans 12:1-2

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Discussion/Journal Questions

How is everyone doing with the Resolve 2021 goals? How is your time in prayer, Bible, and Christian community going?

Read Romans 12:1-2. What does Paul say about worship here? How is this kind of worship different from what we typically call worship?

Can you think of any examples of what it looks like to be “conformed to the world”? What does it mean to be “transformed by the renewal of your mind”?

Read 2 Kings 5:1-27. Who are the major characters in this story?

What happens to Naaman? How does his understanding of God change?

In the sermon, John described Naaman’s faith as a glass half full and said, “Sacred living is not about perfection. Sacred living is about following Jesus in the midst of the mess.” What is your mess, and how are you following Jesus in the midst of it?

Who is Gehazi? What happens to him? How is he different from Naaman?

In the sermon, John described Gehazi’s faith as a glass half empty and said, “Sacred living is not about perfection. Sacred living is about the position of your heart towards Jesus.” How does confession and repentance reveal the position of our heart?

Is there anything you need to confess and repent of? How can your group pray for you and help you reorient your heart towards Jesus?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?