

STUDY GUIDE

DECEMBER 28, 2025

READ

- Read Romans 12:1-2 and Philippians 4:8-9 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- Explain the concept of a “biblical imagination” in your own words. Why is it significant for believers to have a robust biblical imagination guiding their lives?
- Romans 12 instructs believers to present their bodies as “living sacrifices.” How does this imagery involve our minds and imaginations, along with our physical obedience?
- What does it mean to be “conformed to this world”? How does imagination play a role in conformity?
- What does Paul mean by the renewal of the mind? What role does Scripture play in this process?
- What is the relationship between thinking and doing in Philippians 4:8-9? In what ways does the biblical imaginative life of Philippians 4 contrast with the imaginative life of the world?

APPLY

- What worldly imaginations (stories, metaphors, values, etc.) have been formative for you? How do these clash with a biblical imagination?
- What practices can you incorporate and prioritize to cultivate a biblical imagination? How is Scripture involved in this? How can community be involved in this process?
- What practices/habits might you eliminate in order to guard against “worldly weeds”? How can community be involved in this process?
- What might it look like to ask, “What story of the good life is ____ selling me?” before consuming?
- What is one area of life you’d like to see Scripture informing more? your personal attitude toward God’s Word? How does this Psalm help you to delight in God’s Word?

PRAY

Pray the praises and requests of this Psalm back to God personally and/or with your group.

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