

Introduction

(Watch Video)

Open it up to the group to see if anyone has any thoughts they want to share about what was discussed in the video.

Read

(Leader will read this text out loud asking people to listen and see what stands out or speaks to them)

Romans 8:29 (ESV)

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Ask the group what stood out to them in the text.

Discussion Questions

1. Romans 8:29 tells us that God's plan is to conform us into the image of Jesus. How would you describe what this means?
2. Pastor Smart made the point that Christian growth isn't about being moral by worldly standards but being Christlike. What do you think is the difference between those two things?
3. It's not how we act when things are easy, but how we react when things are hard. What's an area in your life where your reactions have revealed where you still need to grow spiritually?

4. Galatians 5 describes the fruit of the Spirit. Which of these attributes are growing in your life right now? Which ones feel the hardest to walk in consistently?
5. The video talked about how someone can be involved in Christian activities but not experience transformation. What do you think holds us back from this kind of change?
6. What's one way you want to pursue Christlikeness more intentionally this week?

Closing

As we continue in this series, we'll look more closely at the process of transformation. This week, pray to be conformed into the image of Jesus and reflect on whether your walk with God is producing real Christlike transformation not just church participation.