

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Who Am I Becoming?

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"We are all being spiritually formed — the question isn't if you're being formed, but how you're being formed, and into whose image." John Mark Comer Practicing the Way

Romans 12;1-5 (NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God —this is your true and proper worship.² 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. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Big Idea: We are all being spiritually formed; so, train wisely to become like Jesus.

How do you train wisely?

- **Live in response to grace.**

^{1a}"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy..."

Romans 3:22-25 (NLT) "We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin."

"To be a disciple is to arrange your life around three goals: be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do as He did." John Mark Comer Practicing the Way

- **Dedicate your whole self to God.**

^{1b}"...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..."

^{1c}"...this is your true and proper worship."

- **Let God renew your mind.**

² "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

- **Learn God's will & live it.**

^{2b} "Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

- **Journey with others in community.**

⁵ "...so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

What action steps can you take today to be formed in the way of Jesus?

- **Reflect on the question "Who I am becoming?"**

- **Complete the Formation Audit (in Sermon Notes on App)**

- **Continue to make space for Jesus in your life.**

Romans 12:1-2 (AMP) Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used today is the New International Version (NIV) and the Amplified Bible (AMP).



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- 2) Who are the most important people in your life? What do those relationships look like?
- 3) As you reflect on your own journey, what stories have shaped the way you view the world? Where did these stories originate?
- 4) Did God reveal anything new to you in this session that you want to say more about?

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