

Take Away – Soul Trek: You are Transformed

Text: 1 Peter 2:9-12

Date: 11-21-21



With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and/or today's sermon.

1. Read Romans 12:2. What does it mean to be “transformed”?
2. The word “transformed” in this verse is “*metamorphóō*” and is the root of the English term “metamorphosis”. When we hear the word metamorphosis, we may first think of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly. What similarities are there between a caterpillar changing into a butterfly and our mind's changing from what they were before we were a Christian to afterwards?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:9. React to: “You are a royal priesthood. You are a part of the priesthood of all believers. The idea is that faith in Jesus brings us into the true priestly office. Some may think there is some sort of magical, spiritual distinction between the folks who stand up here at the front of the service and everyone in the pews. I mean no disrespect to the office of pastor but we are all co-heirs with Christ's promises, and Jesus is the only arbiter any of you need to the Father.”
4. For what reason are we, as Christians, “set apart”?
5. React to: “What is the goal of your spiritual journey...your soul trek? We could answer this question in a number of ways...but I think this succinctly says our goal, ‘For people to follow you as you follow Christ.’ You desire for others to look right through you and see Christ. You are transformed.”
6. It's been said that Christian living involves a negative (separation from) and a positive (separation to or desiring for). How are these positives & negatives related to practical living?
7. Peter's images are collective: we are not just individuals, we are living stones, priests, chosen people. How can our small group reflect this fact?

With your kids...

With the children in your small group, discuss the following two questions:

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Diving Deeper...

For a deeper dive this week into what it means to be “transformed”, read Romans 12: 1 – 3 and then discuss each of the following questions.

10. What does Paul urge his brothers and sisters to do (Romans 12:1)?

11. What do you think the difference between a living sacrifice and a dead sacrifice is (Romans 12:1)?
12. So how does Paul define “spiritual worship” in verse 1?
13. What are we not to pattern our lives after (Romans 12:2)?
14. How do we transform our lives (Romans 12:2)?
15. As a result of transforming our minds, we will then “be able to _____ and _____ God’s will is” (Romans 12:2).
16. How are we **not** to think of ourselves (Romans 12:3)?
17. How are we to think of ourselves (Romans 12:3)?

On your own...

For your individual study this week, go to <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-transformation.html> and study what it says about “What does the Bible say about transformation?” Think and pray about the points made relate to where you are in life right now.