



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

January 8, 2023



GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Catch up with one another - share how you want the group to be praying for you.

1. What is the ultimate agenda that God has for all of His people while we live on this earth? If this is new for you, discuss how this impacts you.

(hint: Romans 8:29)

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 12:1-2 & Galatians 4:19

2. What is the common thread that runs through all three of these texts of scripture?

3. What is God wanting to transform you "from" and "to?"

4. Do you share God's agenda for you? Do you want what God wants for you? Why or why not?

Here are the "tools of the trade" for having Christ formed in you, along with the statement Tony made about each"

(1) Scripture

"Transformation through holy scripture is all about time - time you spend in it and the time it spends in you."

(2) Prayer

"Prayer is what brings us into real time, experiential, intimacy with the transcendent, holy God who runs the universe."

(3) People

"God puts people in your life who are constantly carrying out God's agenda for your life - Christlikeness."

(4) Repentance

"You cannot become less like you without consistently turning from you."

(5) Suffering

"Suffering and pain tears you free from this world."

Go around the room and let each person respond to these "tools of the trade." Which one do you feel most convicted by? Which one means most to you? What do you need to work on? etc.

## SCRIPTURE

### 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

**7** Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, **8** will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? **9** For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. **10** Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. **11** For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

**12** Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, **13** not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

**14** But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. **15** Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. **16** But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

## DISCUSSION NOTES