



beautiful community

Hillside Church of Marin - Small Group Discussion Guide

Part 1: Pattern of Transformation; from [Romans 8:14-30](#); on 03/24/24

Main Point: When we follow the pattern of Christ, we will be transformed into a beautiful community.

Getting Started

1. What jumped out to you about this week's talk? Why?
2. Do you know a Christian who has suffered greatly and through it has grown and matured? Explain.

Read [Romans 8:14-30](#). Discuss:

3. What does this passage say about suffering?
4. What resources does Christ give us to deal with suffering, based on this passage?
5. Think about a difficult season in your life. What was your relationship with God like? Was there ever a time that knowing Christ helped you?
6. Where do you see in the passage this being about a community of Christ followers and not just individuals? Why do you think it's community-oriented instead of individual?
7. Explain Christ's pattern. What is it?
8. How do you think that following Christ's pattern results in us being transformed?
9. How does God help us in the midst of suffering?
10. What future do Christians have to look forward to because of Jesus? How does that change how we navigate our present trials?

Application

11. Is there some hardship in your life that you need to apply this passage to? Explain to the group.
 - 11.1. What specific things can you do in the next few days to grab ahold of this in your life?
12. Who is someone you know going through suffering that you can pray this passage for them?
13. How can this group support you in your suffering or as you walk with others?

Prayer

14. Pray for each other, to follow Christ's pattern in the midst of hardship.
15. Pray that God would form your small group, and by extension Hillside, into a beautiful community of Jesus Christ.