



Romans 12:2 – Bobby

July 19, 2026

Read & Reflect

READ: Romans 12:1–2, Hebrews 4:12

God never intended His people to simply fit into the world around them. Through the power of His Spirit and the truth of His Word, He transforms us from the inside out so we can reflect Jesus wherever we go.

Understand the Moment

Paul wrote Romans to Christians living in a culture that constantly pressured them to think, live, and value the same things as everyone else. Rather than blending in, Paul challenged believers to allow God to transform them by renewing their minds.

Bobby shared how this passage has shaped his life from an early age. A simple Christian T-shirt with fish swimming against the current became a picture of what Romans 12:2 looks like in everyday life. Later, a personal encounter with the living Christ at church camp moved faith from something he inherited to something that became deeply personal.

As Bobby reflected on years of interviewing pastors for ordination, he realized the same qualities they look for in church leaders apply to every follower of Jesus. Transformation can be seen in three areas: **our hearts, our heads, and our hands**.

A transformed heart loves Jesus deeply. A transformed mind views life through the truth of Scripture instead of the values of culture. Transformed hands actively serve others and make disciples. God isn't simply asking us to believe differently—He's inviting us to live differently.

Process Together or Alone

- Which area feels strongest right now: your heart, your head, or your hands? Why?
- What pressures from culture most challenge your faith?
- How has Scripture changed the way you think about success, conflict, or anxiety?
- Where is God inviting you to become a more intentional apprentice of Jesus?

Follow Jesus This Week

Listen

- What area of your life is Jesus asking you to transform instead of conform?
- What truth from Scripture is He bringing to your attention?

Obey

- What is one habit you can begin this week to renew your mind with God's Word?
- Where is God inviting you to actively serve someone else?

Share

- Who can encourage you as you continue growing in your faith?
- Who needs to experience the love of Christ through your actions this week?

Care

- Who around you needs hope, encouragement, or practical help?
- How can you pray for and care for them this week?



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Live It Out

This week, evaluate your life through the lens of **Heart. Head. Hands.**

- Is your heart growing in love for Jesus?
- Is your mind being shaped more by Scripture than by culture?
- Are your hands actively serving others and making disciples?

Choose one area to intentionally grow in this week.

Remember: **God doesn't call us to fit into the culture. He calls us to be transformed into the likeness of Christ.**

Pray

- Thank God for giving you new life through Jesus Christ.
- Ask Him to transform your heart so you love what He loves.
- Ask Him to renew your mind through His Word each day.
- Pray for opportunities to serve others with your gifts and abilities.
- Ask God to help you become an apprentice who faithfully reflects Jesus wherever you go.

Thank You for calling me to something greater than simply following the crowd. Transform my heart, renew my mind, and guide my hands so that every part of my life reflects Jesus. Help me live differently—not for my own recognition, but so others may see Your love through me. Give me courage to follow You faithfully each day and to join You in making disciples wherever You've placed me. Amen.

Group Leader Optional Questions

Opening Question:

Who has been one person whose life showed you what it looks like to genuinely follow Jesus?

Closing Reflection:

As you think about your **heart, head, and hands**, where is God inviting you to take your next step of transformation this week?