



Every Day Discipleship

Romans 12:1-2 - Small Groups

Some groups may find the following suggested questions a helpful starting point. Don't feel bound by them, rather work at understanding God's word for yourselves, praying that God will help you live in the light of it.

Introduction

We often think about the peer pressure which young people face in school. What are some of the subtler ways we also face 'peer pressure'? How does it feel when you find yourself as the 'odd one out'?

Into God's Word - Read Romans 12:1-2

1. What does Paul mean when he says, 'in view of God's mercy'? How is this mercy seen in God's rescue of us and the future he has in store for us?
2. How does verse 1 tell us we should respond to this mercy?

How is this different from the way we normally think about worship?

What is the significance of him specifying 'your bodies'?

Application - how in reality can we allow 'God's mercy' to motivate us to live sacrificially for Him? How can we help one another in this?

3. Verse 2 now shows us what this sacrificial living looks like.

In what unhelpful ways do we conform to 'the world'?

How does 'the world' encourage us to conform?

What might we do practically to ensure our minds are renewed, so we can live transformed lives?

Application - now take some specific examples and discuss what it will mean in that area to avoid conforming and instead have our outlook transformed by our new minds?

Turning to Prayer

Spend some time praying for one another and our church family. Given all we have seen: i) What can we thank God for? ii) Is there anything we need to confess? iii) For what do we need to ask him for help?