

WHO ARE YOU BECOMING?

ROMANS 12:1-2

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – MAY 31, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

REACH ONE

REACH ONE - *Getting to know people and helping people get to know Jesus.*

As we continue growing in the habit of intentionally going out of our way to see people, carve out some discussion time to let group members share how they took a step towards others during the past week. It doesn't matter if it's small (learning their barista's name) or big (getting to share Jesus with someone), celebrating little wins like these can go a long way into making this part of our daily rhythms and lifestyle.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What is one habit, routine, or influence that has noticeably shaped who you are—for better or worse?

SERMON RECAP

On Graduation Sunday, we reflected on a question for all of us (not just graduates): What is forming me—and what kind of person am I becoming?

In Romans 12:1-2, Paul reminds us that because of God's mercy in Jesus, we already belong to Him—we are not trying to earn His approval. In response to that gospel, we are called to offer ourselves fully to God and resist being conformed to the patterns of this world.

Every day, we are being shaped by something. God commands us to be transformed through the renewal of our minds. As God renews us through His Word and the work of the Holy Spirit, we grow in discernment of God's good, acceptable, and perfect will and increasingly become more like Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Observation: What does this passage say?

1. Read Romans 12:1-2 aloud as a group. Before interpreting or applying the passage, share observations about it.
 - What commands does Paul give in these verses?
 - What reasons or motivations does Paul give for these commands?
 - What promises are held out to us if we obey these commands?
2. How would you summarize Romans 12:1-2 in your own words?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Paul begins with the phrase “by the mercies of God.” Why is that significant?
 - What are some of the “mercies of God” Paul has in mind? (Consider Romans 1-11)
 - Why does obedience to God flow from His mercy rather than from trying to earn His approval?
2. What does it mean to be “conformed to this world”?
 - What are some ways the world shapes our thinking, desires, priorities, or relationships?
 - How might technology, social media, entertainment, politics, work, success, or comfort shape us without us realizing it?
 - Why do you think “becoming conformed” to something is often subtle rather than obvious?
3. What does it mean to be “transformed by the renewal of your mind”?
 - How does transformation differ from just behavior modification?

- What roles do the Spirit and the Word play in renewing our minds?
- 4. What does Paul mean when he describes God's will as "good and acceptable and perfect"?
 - How does God's vision for our lives differ from the world's definition of the "good life"?
 - Why might God's will sometimes feel difficult while still being good?

Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. What influences are shaping you most right now?
 - What habits, routines, voices, or environments are forming you?
 - In what ways are those influences helping you become more like Jesus—or less like Him?
2. In what areas of your life do you currently feel most pressure to conform to the patterns of this world?
 - How do you typically respond to those pressures?
 - What would resistance look like in a practical way?
3. What are some practical ways you can pursue the "renewal of your mind"?
 - How are you intentionally feeding your mind with biblical truth?
 - Are there habits you need to start, stop, or change with respect to daily scripture reading, meditation, and prayer?
 - What other good means has God provided for us to renew our mind and how are you practicing those means (Christian fellowship, corporate worship, confession and repentance, serving and missions, etc.)?
4. The sermon asked the question: "What is forming me—and what kind of person am I becoming?"
 - How would you answer that question honestly today?
 - How can your Church Group specifically encourage and pray for you in this area?