

Small Group Questions Romans 12:1-21

Ice Breaker

Whom from your past has God used to shape you the most?

General Study Questions

- How does this passage fit into the book as a whole?
- How does it flow from the previous section of the text?
- What in the passage stands out to you?
- How does this passage minister to its original audience?
- How does this text minister to us today?
- Is there a sin to confess?
- Is there a cause for thanksgiving or praise to God?
- Is there a promise or truth to trust in?
- Is there an attitude to change?
- Is there a command to obey or an example to imitate?
- Is there anything confusing or hard to understand about the passage?
- How is the Gospel present in this passage?
- What is the single, main point of the passage?
- How would you apply this passage to your life?

Text Specific Questions

1. Reflect on this statement as a group: "A million things are competing for our time and attention. We live in a world that is actively trying to shape us – our thoughts and opinions, our desires, and our choices. We're all being formed by something." Do you agree or disagree? What is shaping you the most right now?
2. Paul implored the church in Rome to not "be conformed to this age." What attitudes, mindsets, and habits might Paul have had in mind that he wanted to see the church put away?
3. Apply Paul's command to us:
What attitudes, mindsets, and habits of our age are having formative power on Jesus followers?
Can you pinpoint specific means/avenues that give these things access into our lives?
4. What does it look like to set healthy boundaries and rules of conduct with these avenues so that they aren't given free rein to shape us?
5. Paul tells the church to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. How can we experience this transformation and renewal in our own lives?
6. Can you pinpoint an area in your life (attitude, mindset, habit) where you'd like to see transformation happen?
7. 12.9-21 lays out what transformed living looks like. Read the section aloud together and answer these two questions:
What is one area that our church could grow in?
What is one area that you'd like to challenge yourself to grow in?