

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Renewing Your Mind

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Memory Verse: Romans 12:2 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: A renewed mind thinks about God-like things in God-like ways

For the questions you choose to ask, first read the connecting Scripture.

1. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** Paul warns us not to “conform to the pattern of this world.” What are some messages or ways of thinking that our culture regularly encourages that conflict with God’s truth? Where do you personally feel the strongest pressure to conform? How can we recognize when our thinking is being shaped more by the world around us than by God’s Word?
2. Paul connects the renewing of our minds with the transformation of our lives. What types of thoughts do you have frequently? How do those thoughts translate into behavior? Where have you seen renewal of your mind? Where do you have ownership of practices or rhythms that help create space for the renewal of your mind?
3. A renewed mind helps us discern what God desires—“his good, pleasing and perfect will.” How have you seen God’s guidance become clearer in your life as



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you spent more unhurried time with Him? How have you noticed a change in your heart?

4. **Read Philippians 4:8.** Paul encourages believers to intentionally think about what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy. Think about what regularly fills your attention through your phone, entertainment, news, social media, podcasts, or other influences. How do those inputs shape what you think about and desire? Is there an input you may need to reduce and something spiritually healthier you could intentionally increase?
5. **Read Colossians 3:2.** Setting our minds on "things above" is good instruction to keep thoughts and ideas that are against God's ways out of our heads. How can we know which of our thoughts and ideas are against God's ways? How are you doing at keeping ungodly things out of your mind?
6. **Read Ephesians 4:20-24.** Paul calls us to "be made new in the attitude of your minds." Scripture is God's revelation to us that offers us renewal. How often are you engaging with God's Word? What does your time in Scripture look like? Are you practicing Scripture memory? What can we do as a group to be a place of encouragement and accountability in these areas?
7. **Read John 5:39.** Jesus confronted religious leaders who knew facts about the Bible but completely missed a relationship with the author. How is knowing information about God different from actually knowing God? Why is it possible to know a lot of biblical truth without allowing that truth to shape the way we think and live? What helps your time in Scripture become formative rather than simply informative?



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