

This week...

Monday Romans 12:2 *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,”*

Spend a few minutes listing and thinking about “patterns of this world”. What comes to mind as examples of people who conform to the pattern of this world?

Tuesday Romans 12:2; Isaiah 55:8-9 *“but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*

What sorts of transformation (good or bad) have you experienced or seen in others? What contributed to the transformation? How did others influence that transformation? Read Isaiah 55:8-9, and see how his message fits with that of Paul, here and in Philipians 2.

Wednesday Romans 12:2; *“Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

How would you describe God’s will? What are some ways to test or discern the will of God? What are some results of discovering and doing the will of God?

Thursday Romans 12:2 *“Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Yesterday we considered the results of discovering and doing the will of God. Today spend some time thinking about the results of not doing the will of God. What are some consequences you have observed when a church fails to discern or do the will of God?

Friday Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 5:17 *“Do not conform any longer 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.”*

As you have considered these verses over the course of the week, spend some time now taking a personal inventory of your life. What ways have come to mind that you have conformed or are conforming to the pattern of this world? Now consider those times when you allowed Christ to transform you with a renewed mind. We struggle all our lives with God’s will, but we have the privilege and freedom to always turn our attention anew to the Lord to make His purposes our own. We do this by renewing our minds so His mind becomes ours.

Develop the habit of asking God to point out when and where your life, decisions, and actions look more like they come from the world rather than from your Heavenly Father. Pray for the kind of discipline and faith that will be a powerful witness to those around you as you make known the difference Jesus makes in your thoughts and lifestyle.