



focus.

Spend the next few minutes helping your group focus their attention on God.

sing | together

“Who You Say I AM,” - Hillsong Worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcC1Bp13n_4

read | together

Look upon us, O Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
vanish before the beams of your brightness.
Fill us with holy love,
and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.
All our desire is known unto You,
therefore perfect what You have begun,
and what Your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek Your face,
turn Your face unto us and show us Your glory.
Then shall our longing be satisfied,
and our peace shall be perfect.

(Augustine, 354 - 430)

read.

Read the passage for today aloud as a group. Then ask each individual to reread the passage and mark anything God illuminates.

Romans 12:1-2

[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)

discuss.

Lead your group through the following discussion questions. Help them thoughtfully reflect and respond to God's direction.

| 1 | Did anything stand out to you as we read our passage for today?

| 2 | What does it mean to present our bodies as a living sacrifice?
Why would presenting our bodies be considered our "spiritual" act of worship?

| 3 | Our passage today reminds us that transformation comes about when our minds are renewed. What practices renew our minds? What practices deform our minds into conformity with the world?

| 4 | According to our passage today, what is the outcome of a renewed mind? Do you feel like the Bible has transformed your mind to "discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect?" Where do you see this Biblical discernment alive in your life?

| 5 | Conversely, what sources of worldly wisdom have a tendency to cloud your discernment in regards to what is "good and acceptable and perfect?" What can you do about it?

pray.

Direct your attention now to listening prayer. Follow the prompts below as you guide your group to hear and obey God.

| 1 | Spend a moment with the passage we just read. Ask God if there is any conformity to the world that He would call you away from in the process of being transformed by the renewing of your mind. Respond in prayer.

| 2 | Talk to God about your relationship with His word. Ask Him if there is an area of obedience He is calling you to regarding His word. Respond in prayer.