

Come to the Table wk 10

Introduction: All parents have dreams for the children. You may not have thought of it like this, but God has dreams and plans for His children as well. What if His dreams for you were less about the kinds of things you did, but about the kind of person you were to become-with His help?

Discussion Questions

- 1. What kinds of dreams do you think your parents had for your life? Did they tell them to you? How do dreams for your children change as both they and you get older?
- 2. If you spend much time in church, you will hear something about the Great Commission the "Go and make disciples" part. How do we know what a disciple looks like?
- 3. Romans 12 gives an overview of 5 relationships we all have: With God; with the world; with ourselves; with other believers; and with nonbelievers. Why focus on anything more than the relationship with God?
- 4. Read **Romans 12:1-2** What does God want from you? What kinds of things is Paul talking about when he says not to conform to the patterns of the world? How can you function in the world and not conform or how do you know where to draw lines?
- 5. Read **Romans 12:3-8** How can this instruction help you find your purpose? Read **Romans 12:9-13** Why is love difficult even inside a Christian community?
- 6. Read Romans 12:14-21 Even though we are to be separate from the world, there are instructions here on how to interact with it. Is it difficult to return good for evil? How is that strength instead of weakness?

Shaping Your Mind – "...conformed to the image of His Son..." Romans 8:29

Moving Forward – Don't trade being conformed to the image of Jesus for just believing the "right" things.