



Romans 12 wk3: Separate from the World

Introduction: If we are going to lead transformed lives, we need to realize that it starts with the battle for our minds. What if we were intentional about who and what we let shape our thoughts?

Discussion Questions

1. One of the older Hollywood tropes involves having a “devil” on one shoulder and an “angel” on the other. Have you ever felt like that was actually happening with you?
2. **Romans 12:2** The end of this verse talks about approving God’s will. Does that make you uncomfortable? What does it mean? How can you fully experience God’s will for your life?
3. Read **1 John 2:15-17** Is this in conflict with John 3:16? What “patterns” of the world are revealed here? How can these patterns affect our thinking, maybe without us even realizing it?
4. The way Romans 12 reads, is that one of two things is happening with our minds in an ongoing manner. We will either be conforming to the worlds way of thinking, or we will be molded by the Spirit through the Word. How can regular scripture intake and application of Romans 12:2 help transform your thinking pattern and resist these worldly temptations?
5. In the sermon, Jeremy discussed reading, listening, studying, and memorizing scripture. How are those things different? Are any of those intimidating to you? What have you found the most helpful? Which of these practices can you commit to incorporating into your daily routine to help renew your mind?
6. Why is spending regular time in scripture so important? If you consider the amount of time you spend consuming media against the amount of time you spend in your Bible, why do we immediately feel guilty? What can you do to consciously increase the time you spend in one, while decreasing the other?

Shaping Your Mind – *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

Moving Forward – *“The battle for our thoughts is between the world and all it offers and God and all he offers.”-Chip Ingram*