

STUDY GUIDE

For the Week of January 22, 2017
Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Romans 12:1-2. What is necessary in order to discover God's will in your life? _____

What does it mean to be conformed to this world? _____

How is a Christian transformed? _____

What are typical ways many people try to discern God's will for their life? How is what Paul advocates in these verses different than many subjective approaches? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Paul essentially tells us to stop letting the world squeeze us into its mold. If you're truly honest, does the world influence your thinking in any of the following areas? Circle all that apply.

marriage / sexuality / divorce / parenting / creation / evolution / identity
anger / vengeance / hurt / pain / forgiveness / bitterness / alcohol / drugs
speech / course jesting / news / time management / success / priorities
worship / sports / media / news / entertainment / leisure / other _____

How do you allow the world to influence over you in these areas? Pick three and be specific. _____

How does the world's influence in these areas hinder your ability to worship God and discern his will? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

In what area do you deeply desire to know God's specific will? _____

What scripture passages speak directly to the issue you are trying to understand? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Commit to humbly praying this week as you seek to discern God's will (Isaiah 57:15; 66:2). Thank God for his unconditional acceptance, for his sovereign and revealed will for you, and ask Him to use the Word to renew your mind and give you discernment. Find someone to pray this with you!