

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Do Not Conform*Money***REVIEW**

In Romans 12:2 the Apostle Paul commands us “to not be conformed to this world.” Why? Because we are tempted to do this very thing, to be pressed into the mold of our culture’s thinking. Our hearts tempt us. The world around tempts us. But, we are to be motivated by a greater “temptation” – that of the world to come.

APPLY // ROMANS 12:1-2

1. What is it about the nature of our hearts and the world that so strongly tempts us to be conformed to this world?
2. Where are you most likely to conform to the thinking, values, and standards of the culture around us?
3. Have you previously thought about how the lyrics you sing, the movies/TV shows you watch, and the social media you consume shape your thoughts, values, and desires?
 - a. If so, how have you done this and what have you realized?
 - b. If not, discuss the importance of doing so.
4. Discuss practical ways to go about “being transformed by the renewal of your mind.”
5. Why is it important to recognize all of this happens “by the mercies of God” not by our effort? How does this encourage you?
6. How does the gospel inform our freedom to engage culture by not be enslaved by that culture?

STUDY // LUKE 12:13-34

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God’s word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

1. Read Luke 12:13-34.
2. What is covetousness and why does Jesus warn against it? Or to ask it another way, why is coveting sinful?
3. What does Jesus mean when he says, “one’s life does not consist in all the abundance of his possessions”?
4. How are we tempted to think and live in a way that makes an abundance of possessions our life?
5. In one or two sentences, summarize the point of Jesus’ parable in verses 16-21.
6. What is wrong with rich man’s thinking? What does this reveal about his heart?
7. What is the rich man’s goal in storing up his possessions? What’s good in his goal? What’s bad in his goal?
8. In verse 20, what is God’s reason for not storing up on earth?

9. In verse 21, what does it mean to “be rich toward God”?
 10. In one or two sentences, summarize the point of Jesus’ parable in verses 22-34.
 11. How does Jesus argument in verses 22-34 connect back to the rich man?
 12. What does Jesus mean in verse 33 when he says, “Provide for yourselves money bags that don’t grow old, with treasure in the heavens that does not fail...”?
 13. In verse 34, Jesus concludes “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” What does Jesus mean? How do you see this truth practically in your own life?
- General Bible study questions:
 - What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - How should I respond with my affections and my actions?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Where can you praise God for his grace in shaping you into greater Christ-likeness? Are there areas you are more conformed to this world than the world to come?