

LIVING AN AUTHENTIC LIFE

Nonconforming Disciple Romans 12.2

1. Do you ever dream of living off the grid? What does that look like for you? Where would it be?
2. What do you think it means to be conformed to the world? What are some ways the world pressures us to think or live like everyone else?
3. Where do you think the pressure to conform is strongest in your life? Is it your values, priorities, relationships, finances, or something else?
4. Why isn't simply resisting the world's influence enough? What is the difference between changing our behavior and having our minds transformed?
5. What does it look like for the Holy Spirit to renew our minds in everyday life? What practices or habits help you become more aware of God's way of thinking?
6. What do you think Paul means by discerning God's will? How is that different from simply asking, "What does God want me to do?"
7. Paul describes God's will as "good and acceptable and perfect." When have you experienced God's way being better than the way you initially wanted to go?
8. What is the difference between being set apart and being isolated? Why might Christians be tempted to withdraw from the brokenness of the world rather than engage it?
9. What is one area of your thinking that you believe God wants to renew right now? What would it look like this week to surrender that area to Him?
10. Think about the people God has placed around you—family, neighbors, coworkers, friends, etc. Where might God be calling you to live differently without withdrawing from those people?