



ICEBREAKER: What were some toys you played with as a kid? Did anyone in your Group play with the toys, *Transformers*?

MAIN POINT:

**When we see as God sees
we'll begin to do as God does.**

EXPLORATION:

1. Read Romans 12:1-2. Discuss the following questions about this passage:

A. What does it mean to be a “living sacrifice”?

B. What are the “patterns of this world”?

C. What does it mean to be “transformed”?

(Context Clues - The Greek word for “transformed” means to change into another form. Also, while “sacrifice” may not fully resonate with us today. Consider the imagery it would have illicit from a 1st Century Jewish/Roman audience)

2. In Romans 12:2, it says you are transformed by the renewing of your mind? What does that mean? And what are the ramifications? (See Romans 12:2b)

3. In Romans 12:1, Paul starts the whole thing by saying, “In view of God’s mercy”. Why is that significant?

4. Read Matthew 17:1-8. In this passage Jesus is “transfigured” which is the same word as “transformed” in the original language. Compare and contrast Paul’s message for Believers to be “transformed” with what happened with Jesus in Matthew 17:1-8.

APPLICATION:

1. In what areas of life do you need to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? In other words, where do you need to think differently? Where do you need to think the way God thinks?

2. In following Jesus, have you been motivated “in view of God’s mercy” or motivated by obligation? God’s wrath? Guilt? Why is it important to get this right?

4. Pray for the areas of life where you need to “renew your mind”. If you’re in a group, pray for each other in this area.