



EPISODE TWO

NEW MIND

Host:

Read Romans 12:1-2

Question:

What impacted you about the talk?

What does Romans 12:2 say to you personally about transformation?

Host:

Transformation means to change form, transformed ... as in a metamorphoses (Gk. "metamorphousthe")... like when an ugly earth-bound caterpillar becomes a beautiful soaring butterfly. The same word is used in Matthew 17:2, Mark 9:2 and 2 Corinthians 3:18. Take a look at these scriptures and see how the word is used in these passages.

Question:

The biblical book of Romans tells us that when we were dead in sin, we were incapable of saving ourselves and making genuine change. But Jesus came into the world, lived a perfect life, died for our sins, rose again, conquering sin and death. He sent His Spirit to empower us. Because of this what does Romans 12:1 tell us to do?

Host:

Based on the Romans reality in the Bible, we present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. This is the reasonable thing to do and is how we worship Him.

Question:

What might that look like in practice?

What are we not to let happen to us?- v2a, How easy is that? What might "conforming to the world" look like? Why would Paul give that warning? The writer to the Hebrews says something similar in Hebrews 2:1

Host:

In Romans 12:2 there is a positive and a negative: - do NOT conform... but BE transformed

Question:

Did you want to change when you became a Christian? What was the biggest change that you had to make and what was the greatest challenge in that?

Host:

We are renewed by the transforming of our mind. As a person thinks, so they are what they feel or think. Paul says the Word of God can change us from being one thing into being something else ... into being the person God wants us to be and intends us to be.

Question:

How does that make you feel?

Host:

When we receive Christ, we have something that enables us to move from that place of conformity to the world, to being changed, transformed, and made new.

Question:

What does a transformed, renewed mind look like? (You may wish to look at and discuss Galatians 5 19-25 and the fruit of the Spirit). Can anyone give a testimony as to how they have been/are being transformed?

Host:

The altered life is a balanced life – we get a realistic view of ourselves and that brings stability. People can be erratic – swinging from one extreme to another – often according to how they feel and one of the things that Jesus does is that he brings stability – he balances things out –we no longer think of ourselves highly – this is the altered life.

Question:

How did that manifest itself in the lives of the early church?

Host:

The Bible is the living words of God that brings with it the power of God. God has the power through the Holy Spirit to change our lives ... to transform us ... to take us from one form and change us into another form. God has the power to take our sinful, destructive, God-grieving desires, and as we submit ourselves to Him, to change our attitude, outlook, and world-view. He has the power to do this because He is God and He made us. If He made us then He can certainly transform us!

There is power in God's Word to change us from the inside out.

Question:

When our minds are transformed, we will discover that we were created for a specific purpose. How does this truth challenge you? Comfort you? Have you found that already in your walk with God?

Host:

God has a perfect plan for our lives. He created us for a specific purpose. When we discover this purpose, we will understand what life is all about. We will discover God's specific purpose for our lives when we are renewed and transformed through the power of God's Word.

Question:

What is your takeaway when you think of the power of God to change you?

Host:

The Scriptures have the power to change and transform us from the inside out. This is why the Bible and its application is so vitally important for the Christian. This is why Creation Fest puts such an emphasis on the teaching of the Bible. Creation Fest encourages us to be people devoted to the Scriptures, letting them come into our lives. As we are transformed by the renewing of our minds, we can discern and understand what is the good and perfect will of God.

Conclusion:

You may think you can't change. Be assured of this: God made you, loves you, and is into transformation. If you put your trust in Jesus and make His Word a part of your daily life, you will be renewed, transformed, and changed by God into the person He wants you to be. You also will be enabled to do God's will and His will is the greatest thing anyone could ever be involved in.