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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 35)

Romans 8:3-4 (Gospel)

3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,[a] he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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SERMON GUIDE

CONFORMING OR TRANSFORMING

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting The Table: We live in a world where the flow of information never stops. Every time we pick up our phones, we are being shaped—by news, ads, influencers, algorithms, and entertainment. Romans 12:1–2 reminds us that we are always either conforming to the patterns of this world or being transformed by the renewing work of God's Spirit. Philippians 1:9–11 shows us what this transformation looks like: growing in love, discernment, and purity so that our lives bring glory to God. In the digital age, following Jesus means learning to use our phones in ways that shape us toward Christ, not away from Him.

Read Romans 12:1-12; Phillipians 1:9-11

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** In Romans 12:1–2, what do you observe about the connection between offering our bodies as a living sacrifice and renewing our minds?
- O** Paul uses two contrasting words in Romans 12:2—conformed and transformed. Based on the text, how would you define each one? What do they look like?
- O** In Philippians 1:9–11, what does Paul pray for the believers, and how is this connected to living a fruitful and God-honoring life?
- A** If God had written these passages just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Our challenge this week is to stop and think before we pick up our phones: "What am I reaching for? Why am I doing this? How long am I going to do it?" How might this practice help to keep us from simply being conformed to the pattern of this world? If you've already tried it, what have you noticed is happening in your heart?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.