

My Next Step:

Read Romans 12:4-8

We use the word “member” to describe someone associated with a church, not to bring images of a country club, but imagery of a body with many parts/members. How does this picture of a body show the importance and need for everyone to be involved in service?

Have each member of the group share where they serve and what they like about it. If someone is not currently serving at CrossWalk don't make them feel inferior in any way, but invite them to shadow with you for a day where you serve or direct them to the HUB to find a place where they would like to serve.

Doing Life Together:

Each person take a moment to consider **one thing to praise God** for in the past week, also one issue **to pray to God** for in the past week for yourself or a friend. Share your response and brief summary with the group.

Prayer:

In the prayer section we encourage you to take about 10 minutes to pray as a group. Include the issues of prayer and praise from above. Set aside about 10 minutes so it doesn't feel rushed. Go around in a circle with each person praying, a person may say, “pass” if they are uncomfortable praying out loud.

Friendship:

Spend the final 10 to 15 minutes of group catching up with other group members. Take time to get to know those you don't know quite as well. Make sure to include everyone in the group.

Reminders:

Christian Essentials are a great way to take a next step at CrossWalk. If you have not taken CE 1 it is being offered next Saturday. Signup online today.

Ministry teams are a great way to find a place of purpose at CrossWalk. If you are looking for a place to serve, go to the HUB for a conversation on where to start, go to www.cwlc.church to see a list of open volunteer positions, or talk to your group or group leader about areas they serve where you might want to connect.

Reset

Renewing my Mind

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How do I know when my mind is off balance and my thoughts need a reset?

²⁷ *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and **with all your mind.** Luke 10:27, NIV*

The _____ inside our head is our _____ process.

¹ *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, **in view of God's mercy,** to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1, NIV*

The first way to reset what we think is to _____ on what God _____ of us.

² ***Do not conform** to the pattern of this world but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2, NIV*

The second way to reset what we think is to refuse to _____ to the cultural _____.

²⁰ *Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20, NIV*

²³ *Be made new in the attitude of your minds. Ephesians 4:23, NIV*

⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of

God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5, NIV

The third way to reset what we think is for the Holy Spirit to our minds through _____.

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.**

Romans 12:3, NIV

Signs of a reset mind: #1 – I strive to be _____.

⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ, we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. **Romans 12:4-8, NIV**

Signs of a reset mind: #2 – I will use my _____ to serve God and others.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will renew my mind through daily repentance and seek to use my mind and abilities to humbly serve God and others.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

Impact Group Questions Renewing My Mind

Ground Rules for Groups

What happens at group, stays a group. No gossip!

Please share, but don't take over the conversation.

Love each other. Speak the truth in love.

Difference of opinion is OK. God's Word is the final authority.

Our Impact Group is a way we "do life together" group is all week –not just one day a week.

Getting Started – Break into groups of 2. Spend 5 minutes getting to know the other person. Come back as a group 5 minutes later and introduce the person by name and one fun fact about them.

Going Back to Sunday

Each week we will begin with the same question, "**What about the message from Sunday had the most meaning or made the biggest impact on you?**" Take time to answer this question as you listen to each message. Bring your sermon notes to class each week to help you remember.

Refresh Your Memory:

Read Romans 12:1-3

I believe that it is impossible for a person or group of people to hide the fact that he/she/they think they are better than someone else. How do you think an attitude of superiority shows itself in the scenarios below?

1. When a Roman thought he/she was better than a non-Roman. (Or substitute Scottsdale and PHX people. 😊)
2. When a Christian thinks he/she is better than one who doesn't believe in Jesus.
3. When one Christian thinks he/she is better, or have superior than another Christian.

How does a proper view of GOD'S MERCY destroy and change these attitudes into attitudes of kindness and love?

Conforming to the world can be called "peer pressure." In what way do you feel that the world has influenced you and other Christians?

Why is a mind renewal so important for transformation to take place in the life of a Christian?