

"The Influence Filter"

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The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> these with your group

The World Can Fit Us Into Its Mold

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our <u>"antennae up", to be looking for it</u>. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- •Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- •What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- •Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

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The Reenergizer (optional) Use this question if you need to get your group talking

• If you had the superpower of mind control over others, BUT could only control the same <u>one</u> thing in everyone, what would it be?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- **Before we get further into the discussion, as a Pr'me we're going to work on memorizing Psalm 119:<u>2</u>-11 this week. [read verse]**
- Read Romans 12:2. Let's start backwards on this passage, according to the <u>second sentence</u> what is the <u>benefit</u> awaiting us?
- Now, according to the <u>first sentence</u>, if we are to experience God's good, pleasing, and perfect will, what <u>3</u> things need to happen? How?
- We live in an imperfect world/culture that "baits" us to fit us into its mold. Look at the following ways that the Bible says that this can happen. As you read, <u>respectfully</u> discuss what each looks like in our world today—how is the world's view different from God's?:
 - Sin James 4:4-8; 1 Peter 1:14-16
 - Success 1 John 2:15-17; Psalm 1:1-3
 - Sex -1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Romans 1:25-27
 - Self Romans 8:14-16
 - Spirituality Galatians 1:6-10
- Read Proverbs 19:3 <u>NLT</u>. God wants us to experience His good, pleasing, and perfect will, but the world's draw pulls us away from that. Have you seen Proverbs 19:3 at work in *your* life? Which of the world's "baits" above have pulled you away from God's best for you?
- Close by praying that God would transform you to be more like Him, and not like the world, so that we can experience His best.

The References

Main Passage: Romans 12:2 (NLT)

<u>Don't copy</u> the behavior and customs of this world, but <u>let God transform</u> <u>you</u> into a new person by <u>changing the way you think</u>. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

James 4:4-8 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

You adulterers! Don't you realize that <u>friendship with the world makes</u> you an enemy of God?...

<u>1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV)</u>*selected verses, read full passage in Bible As obedient children, <u>do not conform to the evil desires you had</u> when you lived in ignorance...

<u>1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible} ...For <u>the world offers</u> only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and <u>pride in our achievements and possessions</u>...

<u>Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible <u>Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the Lord</u>...}

<u>1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 (NIRV)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible} God wants you to be made holy. <u>He wants you to stay away from sexual</u> <u>sins. He wants all of you to learn to control your own bodies</u>...

Romans 1:25-27 (NLT)^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible} They traded the truth about God for a lie...

<u>Romans 8:14-16 (NLT)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible he adopted you as his own children. Now <u>we call him, "Abba, Father</u>"...}

<u>Galatians 1:6-10 (NLT)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in BibleYou are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ...}