



Discussion Guide

"The God Mirror"

Week of 1/1/2012

The Point: Where You See "Failure," God Sees "Forgiven"

Romans 12:1

Discussion Questions

- What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- Have you ever looked into a mirror as you were getting ready for a date or some special event and said to yourself, "I look good" or maybe, "I wish I looked better than I do"?
- Does anyone know the history of, or why mirrors exist? (Google it to find out on your phone if able to)
- When you think of God's love what comes to mind?
- What does a living sacrifice mean?
- What does it mean to be adopted and how does that apply into our own lives as followers of Jesus?
- What does it mean for you that God loves you completely even though you sin?
- Think about the person you love the most and talk about what that love looks like (without going into the romantic part please!).
- Have you ever wondered how God sees you?
- How can you take this point into your everyday life?

Thinking Outside the Box

If you had the chance to change your looks into someone else would you? Who? Why? Or if you could enter a new world and change your entire structure what would you be and why? Such as flying or shooting fire through your eyes.

Bible References

Romans 12:1 (NIV84) ¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers [and sisters], in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Psalms 103:11-12 (NIV) ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Romans 6:11-14 (NLT) ¹¹So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. ¹²Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.

1 Cor. 6:20 (ESV) ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV) ¹⁴For Christ's love compels us...

2 Corinthians 5:14 (MSG) ¹⁴Christ's love has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hebrews 10:22 (NLT) ²²let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.