



**Training Disciples in Word and World**  
**“Hope Church 2025” Series**  
**Romans 12:1-2**  
**December 13, 2020**  
**Pastor Mickey Klink**

**Introduction**

In this sermon we explain our desire to schedule a “growth hour” on Sunday mornings for all ages.

**The Text: Romans 12:1-2**

*<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers [and sisters], by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

- 1) One of the most important tasks of a Christian is thinking biblically about everything.
  
- 2) Our church needs to be more intentional at training disciples in “Word” and “World.”

*Hope Church wants to develop a “growth hour” between our two services on Sunday mornings that develop disciples who know God’s Word and can connect it to God’s world.*

*(1) What will classes on “Word” and “World” look like?*

*(2) Whom are these classes for, and are they replacing ABFs?*

*(3) What will the schedule for Sunday morning look like?*

**Response**

Let us not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of our mind.

**Sunday Text Questions for Romans 12:1-2 (“Hope Church 2025” Series)**

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- 1) Starter Question: If you were the sole person responsible for a new disciple of Jesus, what are some of the most important things you would want them to learn about Christianity and the Christian life?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What does the apostle Paul mean when he says Christians are “to present our bodies as a living sacrifice” (v. 1)?
- 4) How does the more physical word “bodies,” rather than the more generic term “lives,” give more specific direction to how we are to think about applying this command?
- 5) What does it look like to make this “spiritual worship” something that is “holy and acceptable to God?” (v. 1).
- 6) In what ways are people “conformed to this world” (v. 2), and how can this happen to all of us?
- 7) How is “the renewal of your mind” connected to “discerning what is the will of God” (v. 2)?
- 8) Should Christians “think biblically about everything,” what does that look like, and how can we get there?
- 9) What are your thoughts on the desire of Hope Church to develop a “growth hour” between our two services on Sunday mornings that develop disciples who know God’s Word and can connect it to God’s world?
- 10) What topics do you and/or your small group think would be good to have classes on to help our congregants understand God’s Word and live in God’s world? (Feel free to email your ideas to [pastormickey@hefc.net](mailto:pastormickey@hefc.net)).

**Further study this week:** Passages on the “renewal of your mind:” James 1:14-26 (Mon); 2 Timothy 2:15 (Tues); 1 Corinthians 11:1-2 (Wed); Ephesians 5:1-21 (Thurs); Hebrews 12:1-17 (Fri).