

Social time – meet and greet each other

**Video** – watch Mark's short video to get everyone in tune with the core teaching for the week

**Memory verse** – can everyone recite the core (memory) verse this week? (Rom.12:2)

Starter questions – pick one or two

- 1. What stood out to you as you read about Radical Change in this lesson?
- 2. Have you ever seen someone make a radical transformation (physically, spiritually, etc)? What do you think were some keys to their success?
- 3. What are some ways you think Christians subtly get, "conformed to this world?"
- 4. Have you been transformed yet by Christ? If not, why not?

## **Key Passages to Help Us Understand the Core**

Rom.12:1-2; Rom.10:9-10; 2 Cor.5:17; 1 John 4:4
What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you as you meditated on these verses this week?
Did God challenge you through any of them?

Group Discussion – don't try to do them all .... Pick the ones best suited to your group

- 1. What's the connection between the topic of the last chapter (freedom) and this one?
- 2. The author wrote (pp.285), "His sacrifice frees us so His Spirit can deploy us." What does he mean?
- 3. In what three-year period of your life did you make the most changes? What was it like?
- 4. Share a time when you, or a Christian you know, needed to change but just couldn't. What barriers stood in your/their way to a better future?
- 5. Which has been the most power catalyst for you to make a change in your life:
  - a) being affirmed by God's love? b) being connected to Christ's Body?
  - c) being empowered by God's Spirit?
- 6. How can you make a positive change to improve your current level of maturity in the following areas: Scripture? Christian music? Service? Fellowship? Silence & meditation? Prayer? Belief that God has freed us to change? Discuss as many as you can.
- 7. What role does fear play in your lack of transformation?

## Application for the Week

- 1. The Day 5 challenge (pp.290) was to eliminate one thing from your life while adding one new practice. Did you do this yet? If so, are you willing to share with the group or an accountability partner?
- 2. **PRAY** ask God to help everyone in the group live out this lesson in their life.

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