

The Good and Beautiful Community by James Bryan Smith

1 Peter 2:9; Romans 12:1-2

Warm Up

- What is your earliest recollection of church? How did it shape your understanding of God and of sharing life with others?

Read

Romans 12:1-2

Discuss

1. As a group, create a list of words and phrases from this passage that point to the peculiarity of Christians. Explain why you have chosen those words.
2. What does the phrase "be transformed by the renewing of your minds" mean? How do we do that?
3. Why would the renewing of our minds lead us to not be "conformed to this world"?
4. Do you agree that Christians should be "peculiar" and "maladjusted"? Why or why not?

Apply

- How can you spend two hours of time with God this week? How can you do four acts of peculiarity?

Pray

- Pray that God would help each group member be and effective agent of the Kingdom of God this week.

All questions are taken from *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith, pages 204-207. Refer to these pages for additional questions.

