



## God's Will Part 3 - Think Like Christ

### BREAKING THE ICE:

- Do you think the same way you did about life (work, family, faith, politics, etc) 5 years ago?
- How have the thoughts you think about life changed over the years?
- What has influenced the changes in your thinking?

**GO TO THE SOURCE : READ Rom 12:2; 1 Peter 4:4, 14**

### DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:

- Think nonconformity

- What does it mean to be conformed to the pattern of this world?
- Why do you think we tend to conform to the pattern of this world?
- What season of life are you in (parent, married, student, boss employee, etc)?
- What does conforming to the pattern of the world look like specifically in your season of life?
- How does conforming to the pattern of the world impact our lives?
  - LEADERS NOTE: The world and people in the world will like you but God will be displeased, our souls will be grieved, and eventually your life will begin producing rotten fruit.
- What does it look like for you not to conform to that pattern of living?
- Will that be easy for you or hard? If hard what makes it difficult? If easy why do you think it will be so easy?
- Read 1 Peter 4:4 and 14. What do these verses tell you about what to expect when you don't conform to the pattern of the world.
- Think with a renewed mind
  - According to Paul in Rom 12:2 how is a person transformed?
  - How are you doing with renewing your mind?
  - How can/should a person renew their mind?
  - What do you do daily and/or weekly to renew your mind?
  - Is there anything you should start doing regularly to renew your mind?
    - LEADERS NOTE: Reading the Bible, memorizing Scripture, praying, fasting, worshiping, Small Group, Church, serving, evangelizing, and giving are a few great next steps to help renew your mind.
- Discern God's will
  - How can you know if something is part of God's will?
    - LEADERS NOTE: ask 3 questions: 1) does God's word clearly tell me how I should think about "this"? 2) Does God's word give me any principles that should influence how I think about "this"? 3) When I pray about "this" do I have peace in my soul?
  - What 3 words does Paul use to describe God's will at the end of verse 2?

## **MAKE IT COUNT:**

Where do you need to repent of conforming to the pattern of the world in your life?

What spiritual disciplines do you need to begin to practice this week?

When you want to know the will of God this week ask yourself these questions:

- Does God's Word directly tell me what to think here?
- Does God's Word give me principles that give me an idea what He thinks is "good, pleasing, and perfect"?
- Do I have peace in my heart and soul from the Holy Spirit?