

Better Than You Think

Icebreaker Question: This is our last week of Winter All In groups. Share with your group something that you have appreciated or been thankful for about your All In group experience this winter quarter.

Opening Question: Looking back to last week's sermon and scripture... How did you live differently or practice what we talked about in your life this week? What did you do and how did it go?

Scriptures:

Romans 12:1-2

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

Sermon Reflection Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- What is a way that you might actively "renew your mind" as Paul urges us to do in Romans 12:2? Or, in other words, how might you change the way you think?
- First comes sacrifice and then comes transformation. Pastor Annie says that "God is better than we think." Share a way that you have experienced God's 'better' in your own life.

Closing Question and Application: Given what we've discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

Closing group prayer: Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank

God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.