

READ: Romans 12:1-2, Revelation 2:1-4, Matthew 24:10-12, 1 John 4:3,20-21, Hebrews 10:23-25

OPEN:

- How was your week? In what ways did God show up in your life this week?
- Who is the person in your life that sharpens you?
- Describe what a transformational relationship looks like.

BIG IDEA from Feb. 11, 2024:

Transformation is a process of becoming more like Jesus through:

- 1) Relationships that transform us
- 2) Renewing of our minds
- 3) Revealing of God's Truth

DIG: *Read: Romans 12:1-2

- What does Paul mean when he says, "not to be conformed to the patterns of this world?"
- What is Paul's goal in writing Romans 12:1-2 to the early Roman Church?
- Why is this passage important to Christians today in 2024? Why does this matter?

DIG: * Read: Revelation 2:1-4 & Matthew 24:10-12

- In Rev. 2:4, what was the significance of the complaint placed on the Church of Ephesus? (Teacher's Note: The church had forgotten their first love, which is Christ.)
- As a result of not loving God, this particular church also did not demonstrate love to one another. What is the cause behind this behavior?
- Why is it important to maintain a daily love and devotion toward our relationship with Jesus Christ? What are some things that you can do to develop this relationship?
- Transformation relationships start with your relationship with Jesus. In what ways does this impact the way we interact with others?
- What are some things that cause us to lose our love for Jesus?
- Discuss this quote: "There is no such thing as love without commitment."
- Why is commitment a big part of transformation relationships in Christ?

DIG: 1 John 4:3, 20-21

- Bitterness is when one person desires the other to suffer by using their words and doing things that might hurt another person's feelings. In v. 3, why is this important to acknowledge?
- V. 20 says, "If we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?" What are ways to deal with this attitude of the heart? How can we demonstrate transformed relationships to others and live this out authentically?

REFLECT: Read Hebrews 10:23-25

- We call out the best in each other. (v.24) How can we call out the best in others?
- We call out to God for each other. (v.25) How can we pray for each other?
- We call out the truth to each other. (v.25) Who in your life is helping you grow?