



BIG IDEA

The world constantly tries to shape us into its mold. The world tries to get us to think in opposition to how God thinks and live in opposition to how God lives. When we become "born again" believers, we receive new hearts, but our minds and habits stay mostly the same. The new way of thinking God desires for His children only comes from becoming disciples of Jesus and His Word.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do You remember your first bike? Describe it. How old were you when you learned to ride it? If you remember, describe the experience.
2. When you think of the words *conform* or *mold*, what comes to mind? How would you describe them?
3. **Read Colossians 2:8.** What are some of the hollow and deceptive philosophies (ideas, ways of thinking) that you believe have taken people captive/caused trouble and hurt in their lives?
4. **Read Romans 12:2.** If you are comfortable, share some of the ways you have allowed the world to mold you.
5. As a result of the message and small group time, what is the one thing you believe God is saying to you? What do you believe He wants you do as a result?

TRY THIS

This week make a real effort to get on the *bike* of God's Word so that you can begin to learn and grow and be renewed in the Knowledge of Him and His will for your life. Remember, just because it is awkward and difficult at times, it will only be a matter of time before you are riding well and growing in Christ.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, forgive me for allowing myself to be squeezed into the mold of this world. Help me to instead be by shaped by Your Word daily. Then I will be able to test and approve Your will because it is good, pleasing and perfect. Amen.