

BEYOND ALL⁷

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BEYOND ALL: WEEK 2 A PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Big Idea: We want God to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine, transforming our hearts, our families, our city and our world. Experiencing a fresh invasion of His Spirit, however, will always require sacrifice; but we lay ourselves down in confidence, knowing that those who die are the ones who truly live.

Overview: KAC is tied to both who we are and who we are becoming. It is a place where transformation takes place. As we look to the future, we ask ourselves: who are we going to be? In Romans 12:1-2, Paul exhorts his readers, in view of God's mercy, to lay themselves down as living sacrifices because those who die are the ones who truly live. This is because we can either be conformed to the patterns of this world, or we can be transformed into the image of Jesus. There is no option c. The Beyond All Strategic Plan and Campaign are tools for eternal transformation as we lay ourselves down on the altar, dying to self, so that we can experience increasing life in Christ.

Life Group Objectives:

Remember why you exist as a group! Life Groups are to:

1. Reflect on this past week's message and passage or dig into the series you are going through as a group. When we all track together on the sermon series, we learn and grow together as a church.
2. We desire for you to have the Bible play a key role in your time together. Please have people open their Bibles, seeking clarity, and allowing it to guide your time together.
3. Transparency is key in a Life Group. Think about it this way: no one wants to give up their time and energy pretending that everything is great. We desire closeness and intimacy with Jesus, and closeness with each other. This can only happen if people feel safe to share about what is really going on in their lives.
4. Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members. How can you build one another up this week?

Conversation Starters:

- What is one way you've grown spiritually at KAC?
- What is one thing that excites you about KAC's future?

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Read Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Questions for Discussion:

1. Romans 12:1

- Paul says, “I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...” The word for “mercy” is a hebraism for the many manifestations of God’s mercy. What are some ways you have experienced God’s mercy? Why is it necessary that it be the starting point for the rest of the passage?
- What do you think it means to be a “living sacrifice”?
- Read Matthew 16:25 and John 10:10. As Christians, we are called to “die to ourselves” so that we might “live”. How have you experienced this in your own life? Why is this so counter-cultural?

2. Romans 12:2

- Paul says, “Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...” This world is a formation machine, and we are either being conformed to the pattern of this world or being transformed into the image of Jesus. There is no option c. How do you think we are shaped by the patterns of this world?
- The Greek translation for transformed is metamorphao, which is where we get our word metamorphosis. God is committed to transforming you into the image of Jesus. What does this mean to you?

3. Beyond All Plan & Campaign

- The Beyond All Strategic Plan and Campaign are tools for eternal transformation. How do you think we might be transformed in, and through, them?
- What do you think God is calling you to lay down so that you can experience increasing life in Christ?

Listening to God:

- How has God been present in your discussion so far? What themes have emerged?

Prayer Prompts:

- What do you think God is calling you to lay down so that you can experience increasing life in Christ?
- Ask God to transform you more and more into the image of Jesus.
- If you haven’t already, ask Jesus to show you how he is calling you to sacrifice your time, talent and treasure for the sake of the Beyond All Strategic Plan and Campaign.