

Sermon Questions 11/7/10

Commencement Sunday

Let's Be Reasonable

Romans 12:1-2

Hook Share your most memorable/meaningful moments of the Greater Things campaign. **Open.**

Book Read Romans 8:28-39 and 12:1-2. How are these 2 passages linked? **The “therefore” at the beginning of chapter 12 is referring to the passage in chapter 8. This means that because of God’s unconditional/unending/unfailing love for us, our response is a reasonable one.** What does Paul say this reasonable response should? **To be a living sacrifice!** What does that look like? **To give our lives up to Him...all we are and all we have are His! See Gal. 2:20 again. And in view of god’s mercy towards us, this is absolutely reasonable.**

Look In verse 2 of chapter 12, Paul writes “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” How does the Counterfeit Gods book describe/summarizes this same process? **Keller says that transforming into the pattern of this world is the making of idols...turning created things, maybe even good created things, into ultimate things/creator. That we need to replace these idols by “renewing our mind” and heart and appreciating, rejoicing and resting in what Jesus has done and continues to do for us. See Col. 3 1-5. BTW...Keller believes (bottom of the page 175) this process takes our entire lives. Be patient but get going now!**

Took So, in view of God’s mercy...what are you going to do? **Open. As leaders allow (but don’t force) this to be kind of a “say-so” time in your group. Encourage everyone to share their most important takeaway from Counterfeit God’s, the past 7 weeks or today’s Commencement Sunday and how they plan to follow through on it.**