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**Small Group Discussion Questions  
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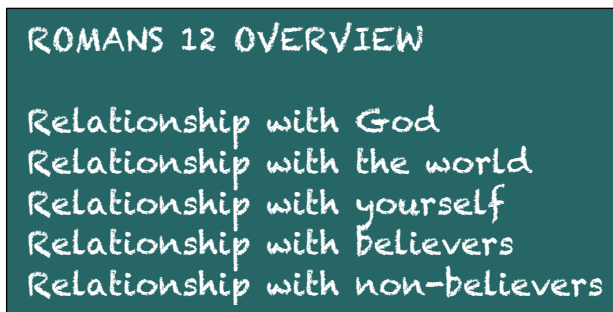
## Week 1- God's Dream for your Life: Part 1

### ALL PARENTS HAVE A DREAM

- Our kids can be the source of our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ or deepest \_\_\_\_\_
- Our Heavenly Father has a dream for every one of His children
- God's dream is to make you like His \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:48, Romans 8:29, Ephesians 4:13)
- God's dream for every child of His is to become a disciple- a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian
- Romans 12 is the \_\_\_\_\_ of what it means to be a disciple

### 5 Key Relationships

Being a Romans 12 Christian is first and foremost \_\_\_\_\_



Being a Romans 12 Christian is also \_\_\_\_\_

1. Relationship with God: \_\_\_\_\_ to God

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship. -Romans 12:1*

**THIS VERSE ANSWERS THE QUESTION: "How do you give God what He wants the most?"**

The missing ingredient = \_\_\_\_\_

2. Relationship with the World: \_\_\_\_\_ from the World.

*Do not conform any longer 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. -Romans 12:2*

**THIS VERSE ANSWERS THE QUESTION: "How do you get the very best from God?"**

The missing ingredient = \_\_\_\_\_



## Talk It Over:

1. As you were growing up, what was your view of God? What was He like and how has that changed?

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2. In your opinion, what are so many Christians not living out the dream God has for them?

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3. How has your view of a mature Christian (Disciple) changed? Why?

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4. "Being a Biblical Christian is relational." When you consider Heartland, in what ways are we strong relationally, where could the church improve? How could you contribute to Heartland being more relational?

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## Live It Out- B.I.O.

### **B = COME “BEFORE GOD” DAILY**

Meet with Him personally through prayer and His word to enjoy His presence, receive His direction, and follow His will.

### **I = DO LIFE “IN COMMUNITY” WEEKLY**

Structure your week to personally connect in safe relationships that provide love, support, transparency, challenge, and accountability.

### **O = BE “ON MISSION” 24/7**

Cultivate a mindset to live out Jesus’ love for others through acts of sacrifice as well as service at home, work, play, and church.

#### Come Before God:

Becoming like Jesus requires you developing a personal, intimate relationship with your Heavenly Father. What does that look like in your everyday life? And what is a step you need to take to go deeper in your relationship with God?

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#### Do Life In Community:

God’s dream is to make you like His Son. Part of what God uses to do this is authentic relationships with others (Biblical Community). Who in your life has had a significant impact on helping you become more like Jesus?

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Be On Mission:

The greatest need today is for Christians to live like Christians. Describe what this means for you personally in your own life- be specific and practical.

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**Thinking Locally...**

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2. How can this study speak into the concept of your "praying, investing and inviting" to help Heartland be all that it can be for the Kingdom of God and our community?

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## Week 1- God's Dream for your Life: Part 2



### Quick Rewind:

1. Relationship with God: SURRENDER to God = Power
2. Relationship with the World: SEPARATE from the World = Peace

### 3. Relationship with yourself: \_\_\_\_\_ in Self-Assessment

*“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”*

**Romans 12:3-8**

Missing Ingredient = \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Relationship with believers: \_\_\_\_\_ in Love

*“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”*

**Romans 12:9-13**

Missing Ingredient = \_\_\_\_\_

5. Relationship with nonbelievers \_\_\_\_\_ Responding to Evil with Good

*"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*

Romans 12:14-21

Missing Ingredient = \_\_\_\_\_

Warning!

Romans 12 is not a "try-hard" moral code to live up to, but a faith response to what God has already done for us.

- Romans 1 - 3: \_\_\_ - Our problem that separates us from God.
- Romans 4 - 5: \_\_\_\_\_ - God's solution in the work of Jesus Christ on the
  - cross.
- Romans 6 - 8: \_\_\_\_\_ - Living your new life in God's power and growing progressively in Christ-likeness.
- Romans 9 - 11: \_\_\_\_\_ - Living in confidence because God is in control and keeps all His promises...



## Talk It Over:

1. As you were growing up, what did it mean to be a “good Christian?” Was it more grace-oriented or performance-oriented?

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2. Read Matthew 23:1-7 and 25-28. From these verses, what evidence of “image management” can you find in the Pharisees?

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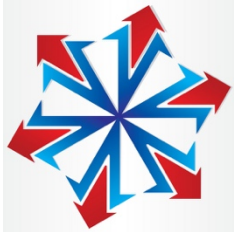
3. When you hear of a “sober self-assessment,” what are some of the negative results of not having an accurate self-assessment?

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### Come Before God:

Consider the following passage from Romans 8: 14-17...

*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.*

As you think about having an accurate view of yourself, what does this passage teach us about our true identity in Christ? What phrase from this passage connects with you most? Why?

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Do Life In Community:

As a group, brainstorm a list of top 5 characteristics of an authentic, Biblical, community. Which one of these could our group improve on?

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When in your Christian life have you experienced true community the most?

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Be On Mission:

What phrase of verse most stands out to you from Romans 12:14-21? Why? In your life, what practical ways can you “overcome evil with good?” As a family? As a church?

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