

Living Connections Bible Study



Spiritual Metamorphosis

Prayer:

Text: Romans 12:1-2

Icebreaker: Define the word metamorphosis and give some examples of creatures that go through it?

1. What three steps must take place in the believer's metamorphosis if we are to experience God's good, acceptable and perfect will in our lives? Romans 12:1-2

2. How did Jesus demonstrate metamorphosis in His incarnation (becoming a man)? John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Matthew 17:1-2

3. What must take place in a sinner's life before spiritual metamorphosis begins?
John 3:7; Titus 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Sanctification is vitally important if we are to experience the transformation God wants to take place in our lives. Sanctification means being cleansed and set apart (dedicated) to God to live a holy and exemplary life before the world. Sanctification takes place in three phases: past, present and future; or instant, progressive, and completed; or positional, experiential, and final.

4. Describe the instant sanctification that takes place in our lives when we put our trust in the Savior.
1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:9-11; Hebrews 10:10

It is one thing to be called a saint, a holy one, and quite another to live like one. Progressive sanctification is a process by which we are becoming more like Jesus. This is also a work of the Holy Spirit. As we daily surrender and yield our bodies to Him He does the transforming work of sanctification.

5. How is our positional/experiential sanctification described in 2 Corinthians 3:18?

6. What do the following verses teach us about the role of Scripture in our sanctification?

Romans 12:2 _____

Joshua 1:8-9 _____

Psalms 1:1-3 _____

John 17:17 _____

Ephesians 5:26 _____

7. What role does Christian fellowship play in our sanctification? Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25

8. What role does our Heavenly Father's discipline play in sanctification when we are living contrary to His directions? Hebrews 12:5-10

9. How does God use our life experiences in the sanctification process? Romans 8:28-29

10. When will our sanctification be final and complete? 1 John 3:2-3; Ephesians 5:24-27

Think about it this week:

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10