

# 2:42LifeGroups

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL

## Life Group Growth Sheet

### Conformed to His Image

Romans 8:29

#### Introduction and Review

Our study through Romans 8 has taken us to a three-part mini-series on verses 28-30. The theme of this section is “God’s good plan,” which we see from five angles:

1. Our *knowledge* of God’s plan (“and we know,” 8:28)
2. The *recipients* of God’s plan (“for those who love God . . . called according to his purpose,” 8:28)
3. The *scope* of God’s plan (“all things work together,” 8:28)
4. The *outcome* of God’s plan (“for good . . . to be conformed to the image of his, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers” (8:28, 29)
5. The *certainty* of God’s plan (“for those whom he foreknew he also predestined . . . and those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified” (8:29, 30).

Last time we dealt with the first three angles: the knowledge, recipients, and scope of God’s good plan. This sermon expands on the *outcome* of God’s plan (8:29). The outcome of God’s plan for believers is that we be conformed to the image of his Son, which results in his glory: “in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

The phrase “the image of his Son” may seem small, but it actually forms part of a thread that reaches all the way back to the first chapter of the Bible! God created humans *in his image* (Genesis 1:26), but we failed to fulfill God’s purposes for us. Christ, as came as the *true* image of God (Hebrews 1:3), so only in becoming like *him* can we be who God created us to be.

The central theme of this sermon is that *our ultimate destiny—being like Christ—must be our daily pursuit.*

#### Discussion & Application

1. Genesis 1:26-27 teaches us that part of what it means to be created in the image of God means to exercise dominion over parts of the creation. Humans continue to exercise dominion, but not in submission to God. In what areas do we see this fallen dominion in our world today?
2. Revelation 22:5 says that humans will “reign forever and ever” (see also Psalm 8; 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Peter 2:9). At present, the idea of humans reigning forever and ever would not be a good thing. Name several things about humans that must change if this eternal reign would be good.



3. Read Ephesians 4:20-25. According to these verses, what will it take to “learn Christ”?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:18. According to this verse, how are we to become “transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another”? What are some specific ways we can “behold the glory of the Lord”?
5. What are some areas in your life that you most desire to become like Christ?