

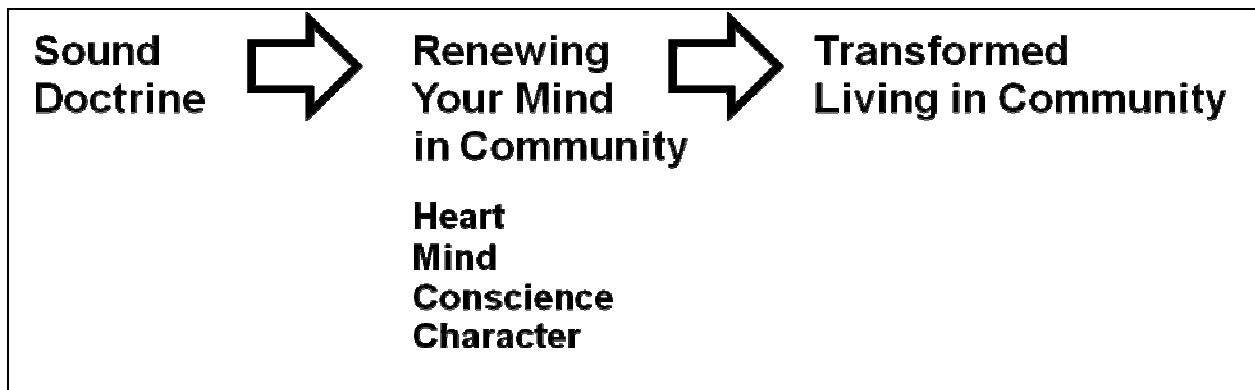
**Belonging to Jesus: “Breaking Down the Walls”
Romans 12:1-8**

Romans 12:3-6

- (3) For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
- (4) For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,
- (5) so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
- (6) Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly:

1. Develop a _____ of yourself.
(Romans 12:3; See Romans 8:5-8; 11:18, 20, 25; 12:16; 14:4)

The Process of Biblical Thinking and Living



2. Acknowledge that you need _____ to grow.
(Romans 12:4-5. For “body of Christ,” see 1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:12-30; Ephesians 1:23; 4:4-16; 5:23-30; Colossians 1:18, 24; 2:19; 3:15)

Human Body

One body

Many members

All don't have same function

Church

Unity: One body in Christ

Diversity: Many members (different functions)

**Interdependence and Mutuality:
“individually members one of another”**

3. Actively _____ in helping others to grow.
(Romans 12:6. For “grow/increase,” see Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 2:19)

<p style="text-align: center;">Day by Day in the Word</p>
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“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- From the following passages, what do you discover about the concept of “grow” (“increase”): Luke 1:80; 2:40; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; Ephesians 2:21; 4:15, 16; Colossians 1:6, 10; 2:19; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18? What does it look like and how does it happen? What is the goal?
- What can you do today to further the growth process in your life? Share your discovery and your plans for growth with a group of friends. Be sure to celebrate what God is doing in your life and in the lives of your friends.

Wednesday-Thursday

- From the following passages, what do you discover about the “Body of Christ”: 1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:12-30; Ephesians 1:23; 4:4-16; 5:23-30; Colossians 1:18, 24; 2:19; 3:15? What is the difference between the Romans passage and Ephesians/Colossians? The point in Ephesians/Colossians is the headship of Christ; here the focus is that of the unity of the members of the body for all their diversity, a unity brought about by the fact that they are all in Christ.
- What impact can this study have on your mind? How you think about the Christian life? How you think about church? What impact will it have on your personal relationships?
- Identify one way that you can put into practice what you’ve learned today about the “body of Christ.” What changes do you need to make in your own life? What changes do you need to make in your relationship with other believers?

Friday-Saturday

- Let’s read through Romans 12:1-8. Work on memorizing verses 1-2. Identify how verses 3-8 help in the renewal of the mind and the total commitment of your total self?
- How will the “Process of Biblical Thinking and Living” (see above in the notes) help you in the transformation process?
- Spend time today with a group of friends celebrating and praising God for who He is (identify a number of His character traits) and what He does (identify His mighty deeds in the Scriptures and in our church and in your life). Prepare your heart for coming together on Sunday. Ask God to lead you to one individual that you can encourage and build up.