

## Explore



**Look up and read your memory verse, Psalm 25:4, in your Bible.**

If we want to know what God expects of us, we need to look in the Bible for answers.

**First, God expects us to be holy.**

**Look up and read 1 Peter 1:14-16 in your Bible.**

**Complete verse 16.** Since it is written, \_\_\_\_\_

God doesn't expect us to be perfect. He is always there to help us be more like Him every day.

How can we be holy?

**Look up and read 2 Timothy 2:21 in your Bible.**

**God expects us to be set apart (sanctified) for Him.**

When we are set apart we are useful to Him and ready for good work.

**Look up and read 2 Timothy 2:22-25 in your Bible.**

Write down one thing that God expects you to run from?

Write down one thing that God expects you to pursue or do.

God expects you to stay separated from the sin of the world because He loves you.

**God expects us to obey Him.**

**Look up and read John 14:15 in your Bible. (Jesus is speaking.)**

If you love Jesus, you will

Your love for Jesus will lead you to want to obey God all the time.

**The Bible tells us that God will guide us, but He expects us to trust Him.**

**Look up and read Proverbs 3:5-6 in your Bible.**

Who should we trust IN?

You should trust God WITH

What should you NOT lean on? Your own

God expects us to trust Him with everything that we are and everything that happens in our lives.

The Bible shares God's expectations with us, and it's important for us to know what it says!

### DEFINITION

**EXPECTATION** — the desire or belief that someone will do something

### Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. How would you explain one of the expectations that God has for you?
2. Is there one expectation that is harder for you to do than another? What is it?



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### Look up and read your memory verse, Romans 12:2, in your Bible.

God changes us by His power when He uses truth from His Word, the Bible, in our lives.

We are not to be conformed to what?

When you crumbled the foil in the Start Here activity, you tried to form it into the shape of an animal. Satan wants the world to take you and shape you into something that is opposite of who God wants you to be.

God doesn't want us to shape how we behave and who we are by the things we see in the world.

We are to be transformed by the renewing of what?

God wants what you do and think to be changed by Him and not the world. As you learn what is in the Bible and spend time reading it every day, God will change your thinking to be more and more like His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

How does the world think? Let's find out what the Bible says about this.

### Look up and read 1 John 2:16 in your Bible.

What three things are found in the world?

Those things are sin and the opposite of God and what He wants us to think about.

### Look up and read Psalm 119:11 in your Bible.

What can you do to not sin against God?

### Look up and read Colossians 3:16 in your Bible.

The beginning of that verse tells us that the Word of Christ (the Bible) should dwell in you richly.

What does the word *dwell* mean? (Hint: Look at the definitions in this lesson.)

If you are letting God's Word live in your life, it means it guides every part of your life.

### Look up and read Colossians 3:17 in your Bible.

Whatever you do in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ should

be done in the name of Jesus.

That is a fancy way to say that as the Bible influences you, you will not love the bad stuff of the world. Instead, everything you do will be to honor God. You will be transformed to be more like Jesus!

To let the Bible guide your life and the decisions you make, you need to know what is in it. When you are focused on the truth of God's Word, God will use the Bible to transform you!

#### DEFINITIONS

**DWELL** — to live in

**CONFORMED** — to be shaped like something else

**RENEWED** — to be made new by the power of the Holy Spirit and God's Word

### Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. What would it look like for someone to be influenced negatively by the bad stuff in our world?
2. How would you explain what it means to be changed by God?