

# Right Side Up in an Upside-Down World

Connect Group Guide - 2.16.25

**Opening Prayer:** Begin the session with a prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and help apply the message's teachings to your lives.

## Key Takeaways:

- The world often operates with an "upside-down" view, emphasizing materialism, selfishness, and division.
- As Christians, we are called to live "right side up" by aligning our lives with God's truth and values.
- Transformation comes through renewing our minds with God's Word and living out our identity in Christ.
- Living right side up involves practical actions like loving unconditionally, being peacemakers, practicing generosity, and standing for truth.

## Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways have you noticed the world's "upside-down" values affecting your life or the lives of those around you?
2. Read Romans 12:2. What does it mean to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind"? How can we actively pursue this transformation?
3. The message mentioned our identity as "children of God, heirs of the kingdom, and ambassadors of Christ." How does embracing this identity change the way we live and interact with others?
4. Discuss the challenge of loving our enemies (Matthew 5:44). Share an experience where you struggled with this command or witnessed someone exemplify it.
5. How can we be effective peacemakers in our families, workplaces, and communities? What obstacles might we face?
6. The message emphasized the importance of generosity. How can we cultivate a spirit of generosity in a culture that often prioritizes accumulation?

7. What does it mean to "stand for truth" in today's relativistic society? How can we do this with both conviction and compassion?

## Practical Applications:

- **Daily Scripture Reading:** Commit to reading a portion of God's Word each day this week to renew your mind.
- **Identity Affirmation:** Write down your identity in Christ and reflect on it daily.
- **Love Your Enemies Challenge:** Identify someone you struggle to love and pray for them every day this week.
- **Peacemaking Action:** Take a specific step to promote peace in a relationship or situation where there's conflict.
- **Generosity Practice:** Look for an opportunity to give sacrificially (time, money, or resources) this week.
- **Truth-Speaking:** Identify an area where you've been hesitant to stand for truth and pray for courage to do so lovingly.

## Closing Prayer:

End the session by praying for each other, asking God for strength and wisdom to live right side up in an upside-down world.