

NON CONFORMIST COURSE

(developed by Michel Larriveau MTh)

based on the 60 instructions in Romans 12 to 16

NOTES FOR DISCUSSION GROUPS

Aim: 'to learn how to discern the will of God'

COURSE PLAN

sample below for preview

SESSION 1 - **non conformist**

for the rest of the course contact us

SESSION 2 - **no pride**

SESSION 3 - **no uselessness**

SESSION 4 - **no hypocrisy**

SESSION 5 - **no malice**

SESSION 6 - **no ill will**

SESSION 7 - **no baggage**

SESSION 8 - **no contempt no condemnation**

SESSION 9 - **no imposition**

For other courses see www.genuineimitation.org.uk

SESSION 1 - non conformist

Read Romans 12 verses 1 & 2

to start

- note the word '**therefore**' which can also be translated 'in consequence' at the start of verse 1. What does this mean ?

- in consequence of what ?

Some **commentators suggest** that the whole passage from Romans 1 to 11 is an explanation of the mercy of God. Hence the phrase 'in view of God's mercy..'

- what are the instructions in these verses ?

- are they linked to each other ?

- give 3 words that this triple instruction could be summed up by

CONSECRATION

- the choice of the word 'offer' implies what?

- why 'offer your bodies'?

- the body, important or not?

DISCONNECTION

- 'do not conform' = ?

- 'to the pattern of this world' - what does this mean?

[see Colossians 2:8 (and here in verse 2 of Rom 12), Acts 17:24, John 3:16]

TRANSFORMATION

- 'but be transformed' = ?

- by what means ? *[see 1 Pet.1:13-16, Mark 7:1-23, Eph.4:17-24, John 16:5-15, Eph.4:21-24, 2 Tim.3:16]*

to sum up: Actions to take

- always wanting to discern and to do God's will (end of verse 2)

1. in accepting that our bodies are instruments of divine will
2. in accepting that we may have to be different from the people around us
3. in accepting the influence of the Holy Spirit and the truth of the Bible.