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**PATTERN**  
*of this*  
**WORLD**

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**The world is singing a song—a catchy song about life, love, happiness, and success—and if we’re not careful, we will start singing along. According to Romans 12:2, we don’t have to be conformed to the world—to live according to the worldly rhythm sung to us daily. This week we will consider the rhythms of this world and compare them to passages of Scripture that describe the rhythms of God.**



#### THIS WEEK’S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Acts 8:26–39 and consider how God asked Philip to travel into the wilderness just to talk to one person. What does it mean to be sensitive to the Spirit? What might Philip’s story suggest about how God would define ministry impact?
- Read Psalm 119:37. What do the words empty and worthless mean? What are some empty and worthless things we find ourselves pursuing?
- Read Genesis 11:1–4 in contrast with Philippians 2:1–11. What does it mean to “make a name” for yourself? In Philippians, God tells us to be like Jesus. What was Jesus like?
- Read Psalm 27:14. What does it look like to wait on God? What qualities do we need to wait on God and why?



#### CHALLENGE

How can you learn to recognize the rhythms of the world and the rhythms of God? How does recognizing these rhythms relate to being “transformed” by the renewing of our minds? Take time out of each day this week to listen for rhythms that surround you, then focus your mind and heart on the rhythms of God.



#### COMMIT TO MEMORY

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will”  
(Romans 12:1–2).



#### PRAYER

Thank You Father, for revealing Your great heart in flesh through Your Son, Jesus. In seeing Him, help me to more clearly see You—and worship You with my whole heart. Amen.