# newlife SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

# A Royal Waste of Time

Worship Forms Character

Discussion Points

January 23, 2022

#### Read/Reflect

- 1. Read II Corinthians 3:7-18
- 2. The word "transformed" in II Corinthians 3:18 is the same word used in Matthew 17:2, about Jesus' transfiguration. It is also used in Romans 12:2. How do those passages further assist you to understand what Paul means by being "transformed" to Christ's image.?

## **Explore**

- 3. In what ways do you seek after God's glory? How does that impact your perspective and practice of worshipping the God of glory?
- 4. If as a follower of Christ, you reflect his glory, in what areas of your life do you shine, and in what areas of your life is the reflection blurry or veiled? How can gathering for worship celebrate the shine and uncover the veil?
- 5. What makes it hard for you to believe and/or trust that real change (into the image of Christ) can actually happen in your life?
- 6. What has "being transformed into the image of Christ" meant for you in your life?
- 7. Often spirituality is thought of apart from our physical life. How does connecting the image of Christ with the image of God in which we were made (Genesis 1,2) change that? What does spirituality have to do with our physical existence, and what implications might that have our definitions of worship?

### Pray

- Give thanks for the "ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord" (II Cor.3:18) present in your life, and in the lives of those around you.
- Uphold one another in prayer as you pray for greater discernment in daily life to see both the moments of likeness and "unlikeness" to Christ.

