Part 2: Don’t Go There

Q—What do your scars say?

Sermon in a Sentence:
Healing flows through a pathway to the soul.

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer 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 (NIV)

Getting under the skin to our soul issues:

\[ \text{Don’t } \underline{\text{____________________________.}} \]

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world.
Romans 12:2a (NIV)

Q—What is your path of least resistance?

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3–6 (NIV)

\[ \text{Be } \underline{\text{____________________________.}} \]

But be transformed by the renewing of your mind
Romans 12:2b (NIV)
Transformation for Greek = Metamorphow or Metamorphosis

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2c (NIV)

Closing Question - What is a wound you could courageously ask God to touch today?

ANSWER KEY: conform, transformed

Doing Life Together Discussion
A Launching Point for Your Small Group
Theme: Transformers – More Than Meets the Eye
Read Together: Romans 12:1-2

Warm Up:
• Have you ever had a “makeover?” or know someone who has? Such as loss of weight, changing hairstyles, undergone plastic surgery. What was the outcome of such a dramatic change?

Dig:
• According to verses read, what is the ultimate act of worship to God? What does that mean?
• What should we not conform to? What should be transformed?
• What’s the result of experiencing God’s “Spiritual Makeover”?

Reflect:
• How can you offer yourself “as a living sacrifice” to God this week?
• When have you felt like you have conformed to the patterns of this world? What has been the effect on your life and those around you?
• In what ways do you desire for God to transform your mind so you can know “His good, pleasing and perfect will”?

Prayer: Take time to share the good things God has going in your life and pray for one another of the needs that you have in your group/family.