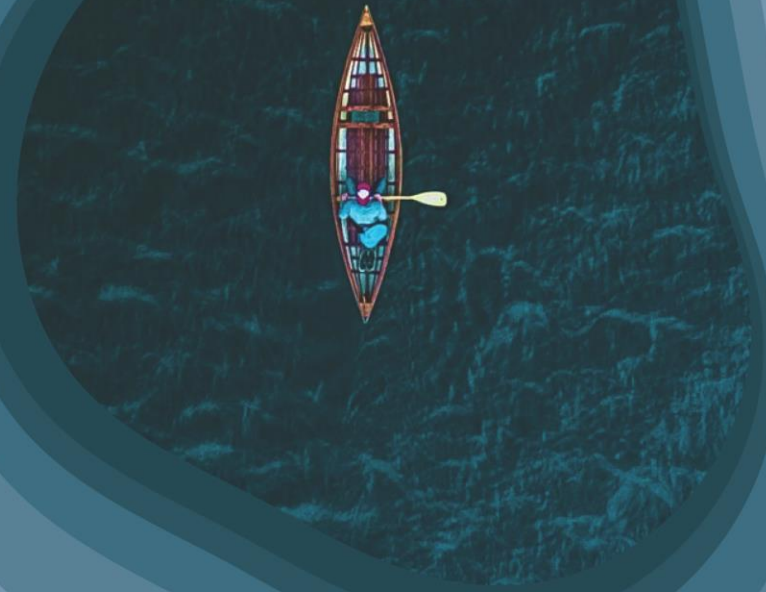


# Swimming In The Cultural Sea

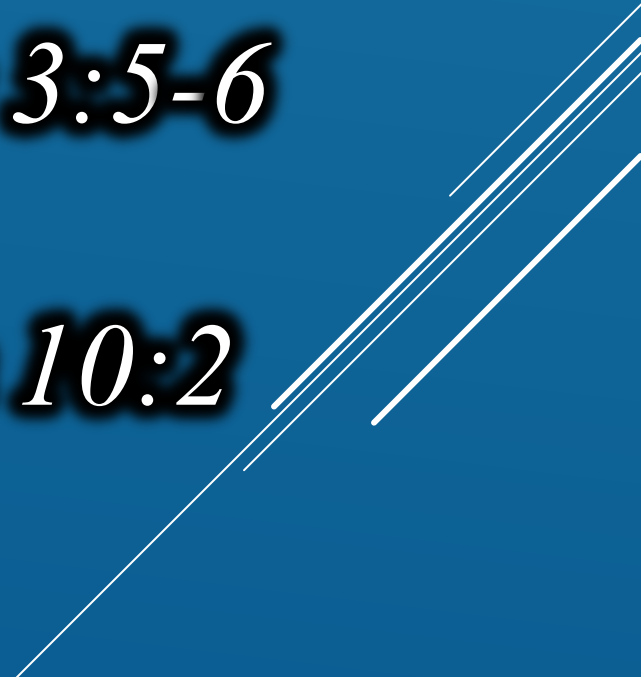
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“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2-3

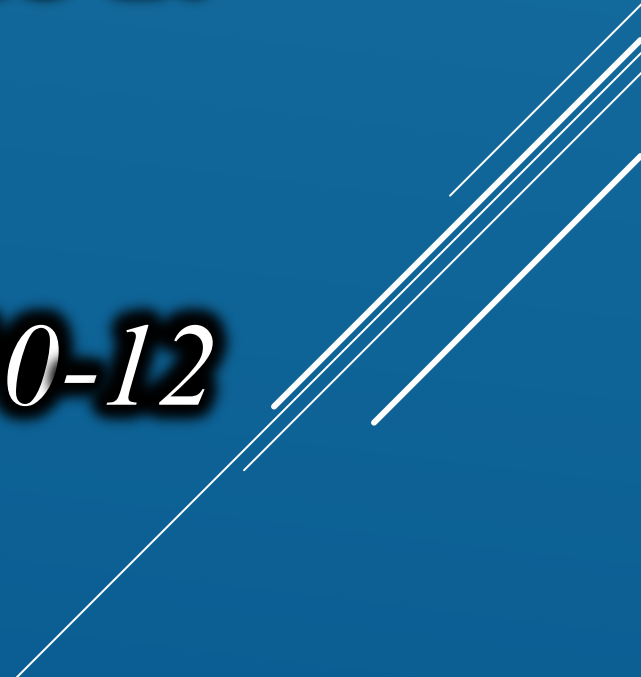


Romans 12:2-3

# Who We Believe Matters:

- Believe God *-Proverbs 4:10-12*
  - Believe yourself *-Proverbs 3:5-6*
  - Believe world *-Jeremiah 10:2*
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# Lies Culture Tells Us:

- We are no more than another animal  
-*Genesis 1:26-27*
  - We reign supreme over the earth  
-*Psalms 50:10-12*
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# Truths God Tells Us:

- We are caretakers

“...fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

*-Genesis 1:28*

# Truths God Tells Us:

- We are caretakers

“You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.”

*-Psalm 8:6*



# Truths God Tells Us:

- Earth remains under God's control

“May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!”

*-Psalm 104:31-32*

# Truths God Tells Us:

- Our influence is real but limited

“Never again shall I strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”  
-*Genesis 8:21-22*

# Truths God Tells Us:

- World is broken and fading

“...cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you.”

*-Genesis 3:17-18*



## Our Response:

- Look at the earth with awe and thanks  
*-Psalm 104*
- Utilize the earth with respect and wisdom  
*-Proverbs 12:10*
- Work the earth with faithfulness and diligence  
*-Proverbs 12:11*