

CLASS INFORMATION

Class Title: Redeem The Screen

Class Subtitle: Renewing Our Minds About Technology

<u>Class Description:</u> Our screens have incredible power in our lives. Our screens can inspire us, but they can also distract us and make us mindlessly conform to what we see. Join us as we walk through Romans 12, examining how to be transformed every day by Jesus. When we let Jesus transform our lives, our screens will no longer be a distraction—they will become a tool to make Jesus known all over the world.

<u>Teacher Biography:</u> My name is Matt Callahan, and I am the student pastor here at Emmaus. I have been working with students in Middle School and High School for over 16 years now and serving at Emmaus for almost 6 years.

Class Resources/Books: No materials needed.

CLASS OUTLINE

Week 1 - Wednesday, January 4

Title: Introduction

<u>Description:</u> This week we will spend some time getting to know one another, discussing the purpose of this class, and evaluating the roles of technology in our personal lives.

Week 2 - Wednesday, January 11

Title: Conform or Transform

<u>Description</u>: Our screens aren't evil, but when we pay more attention to our phones than to God, we will conform to the world around us. God wants more for us. He wants us to be transformed by his Word. During week 2, we will use Romans 12:1-2 to help us think practically about how Jesus transforms us and how we spend our time.

Week 3 - Wednesday, January 18

Title: Choose What is Better

<u>Description:</u> When it comes to our screens, God wants to guide us, but we often choose to go our own way. Instead of trusting God when we are confused, unsure, and running on empty, we

turn to our screens to find answers. Romans 12 encourages us to choose what is "holy and pleasing to God" and this week, we will discuss how this applies to our digital habits.

Week 4 - Wednesday, January 25

<u>Title:</u> For God's Glory and the Good of Others

<u>Description:</u> The Bible may be ancient, but it is not irrelevant. Romans 12:3-21 shows us a better way to live while on our screens. Instead of being distracted by the noise or pumping up our images, we are meant to love others, create peace, and make Jesus's name known through our screens. In our final week, we will walk to steps to using technology in ways that honor and glorify God.