

Living the Cross

I) A Vertical Connection - Christian Living

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

- A. How can we be transformed?
- B. How do we change our way of thinking?
- C. How do we continue to learn?

II) A Horizontal Connection – Mission Ministry

Mathew 28: 19-20a Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

- A. What is our command?
- B. Where are we to go?
- C. How are we to help?

III) Putting it together – Christ, the Cross and You

I Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Lent is often a time that we are reminded that Christ took on the cross of love for us. During this season we enter a time of repentance and preparation for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we think about what we will give up for Lent, let us also think about taking on some holy attributes that bring restoration and direction. Let us take on the cross by living it.

Poem: *The Cross In My Pocket*