

SECTION 1: *What is the pattern of this world?*

Preface: Service is to use what God has given you to _____
_____.

The pattern of this world is to too quickly assume that the
needs we see are _____.

SECTION 2: *How does Jesus invite us to be transformed?*

1. The transformation Jesus invites us to is to follow his
example of _____.

**SECTION 3: *How will we test and approve (“try and see”) this
practice together?***

We pray for an ongoing transformation of _____ (_____
_____) while we _____.

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the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit. – John 12:24

PRACTICING PRAYER:

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practices.*

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take the opportunities. At the end of the day, reflect on your
experience.

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Design your own practice of service and write it here:

TALK IT OVER

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thought was most challenging?

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