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Four anchors – commitments that keep us tethered to:

- What God is doing in our communities – desires to transform them; for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done
- What God is doing in us – discipleship; process of learning to live Jesus



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Four anchors –

- Being conformed into the image of Jesus (Rom 8.29)
- Being led by the Spirit (Gal 5.25)
- Doing the good works God has created for us to do (Eph 2.10)
- Being a blessing, serving, and loving in the place where God has planted us (Jer 29.4–7)

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Rom 8.29: Those whom God foreknew, He predestined to be conformed into the image of His Son so that He may be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

- **Foreknew** – to know beforehand
- **Predestine** – to determine beforehand
- **To be conformed** – in this case, to have a similar nature
- **Image** – likeness

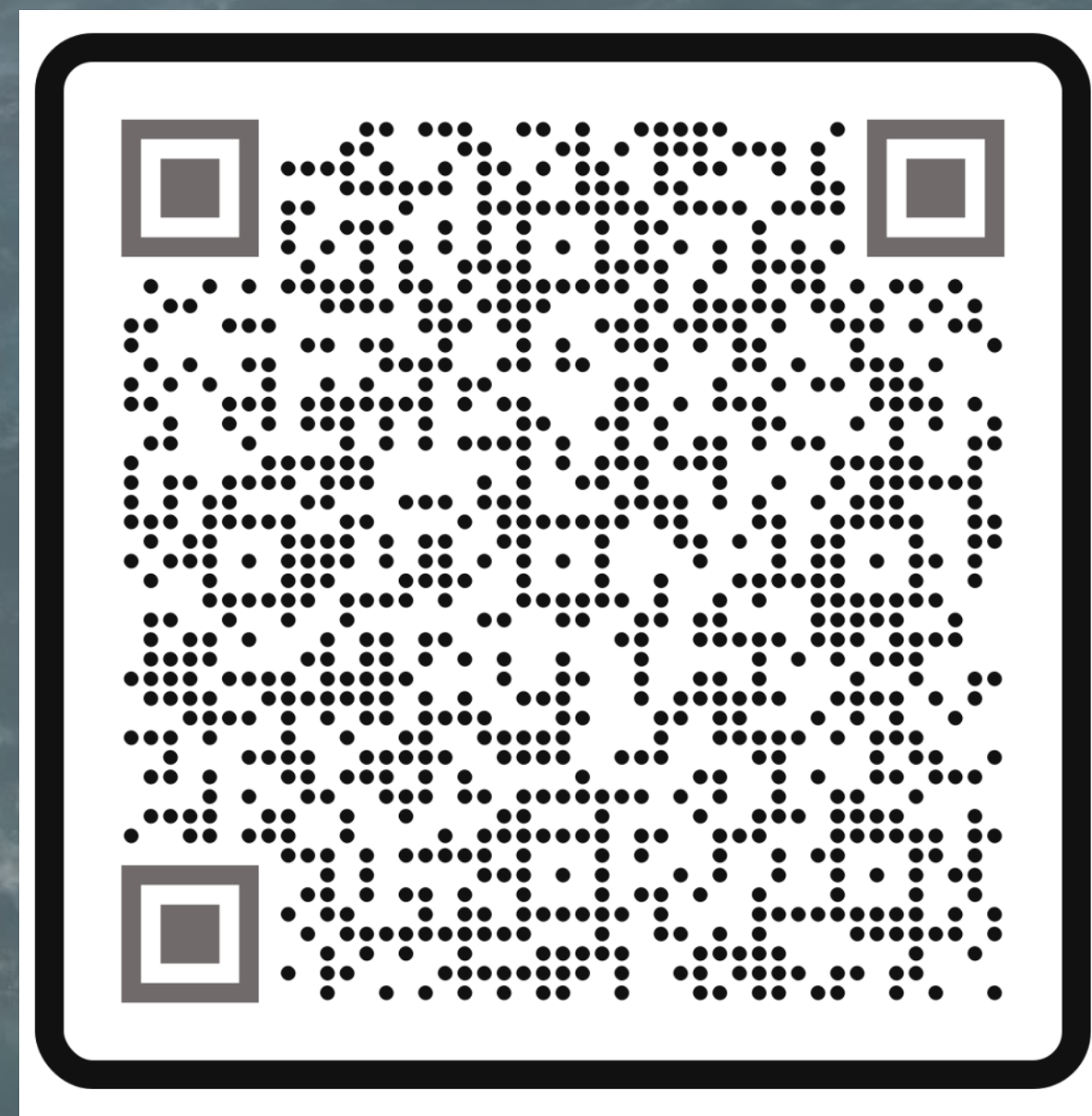
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What is the image of Jesus?

- Fruit of the Spirit
- Gentle and humble in heart



How are we conformed into the image of Jesus?

- Refining – removal of elements of our character that don't look like Jesus



How are we conformed into the image of Jesus?

- Training – strengthening the traits of Jesus we have been given by the Holy Spirit through ‘exercise’



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How are we conformed into the image of Jesus?

We work out in our lives that which God is working into our hearts

Phil 2.12-13: ... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose

The work will be done

We are expected to participate

Would you rather be a
lump of clay or block of
stone?

