

Life Together Group Questions
September 13, 2015
Romans 12:1-2

1. When you think about God's "mercies" how does it affect your thoughts and/or emotions?
2. What benefits have you experienced in relation to His mercies in salvation? (Eph. 2:4-7)
3. How have you experienced God's mercies in other ways?
4. Are His mercies a motivating factor in how you live your life? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever regarded your life as a "living sacrifice" in relation to Christ? If so how have you thought about this?
6. What difference does viewing your response to Christ as a living sacrifice make in how you go about living? (see 2 Cor. 5:15)
7. Have you ever viewed this concept as a way Christ wants to show His life in you? (see Gal. 2:20)
8. Why would this be your reasonable or logical service of worship?
9. How do you see this "world/age" seeking to cause us to conform? Where do you feel most affected?
10. Look at 1 Jn.2:15-16. How do you see these forces seeking to affect you?
11. What do the following passages have to say about how we respond to the conforming influences of the world/age? Col. 3:5; 1 Cor.6:12; Eph.5:11-12; Phil. 4:8; Ps 62:1-2; Rom.14:23; Lk.10:40-42; Mat.10:34-39
12. What connection is there between being a living sacrifice and not being conformed to this world/age?
13. How is it that we are to be "transformed" by the renewing of our minds?
14. What has been your experience of this?
15. What part does God play? (See 2 Cor:5:17; Phil.1:6; 1Thes.5:23-24.)
16. What part do we play? (Eph.4:22; 2 Tim.3:16; Jam.1:22-25; Gal.5:16,22-25; Heb.10:25)
17. What connection do you see between being transformed and being a disciple of Christ? (Matt. 28:20)
18. What connection is there between being transformed and being a living sacrifice?
19. How is the result "*you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—good, pleasing and perfect will*"?

SERMON OUTLINE:

- A Motivation That Moves Us - *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy*
- An Offering That Animates Us - *offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.*
- A Conformity To Combat - *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,*
- A Transformation To Take Up - *be transformed by the renewing of your mind*
- A Result That Is Right - *Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.*