

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

## Living Sacrifice

**Passages:** Romans 12:1-2

**Introduction:** John talked about how the response of gratitude to God's saving mercy and grace is devoting every area of our lives to worshipping Him. We serve God not to be saved, but because we are—we belong to Christ, body and soul, in life and death. John said to worship Christ in our lives we must present our bodies as a living sacrifice, resist the mindset and values of the world, and receive the Word.

**Additional passages:** Ephesians 4:1-3, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 9:11-14, 1 John 2:15-17.

**Questions:**

1. John noted that we need to understand and embrace the foundational beliefs of Romans 1-11 before we turn to the practical application of Romans 12. If we are not grounded in the fundamental truths, our faith won't sustain over time. How have you seen that play out in the lives of others near you? In your own life?
2. In Christ, we are not hired hands serving the Lord for pay or to gain His approval; instead, we are God's sons and daughters, serving the Lord as people who are already saved. What strength do you draw from the fact that you are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone? What encouragement?
3. Read John 1:29 and Hebrews 9:11-14. What hope can we draw from the truth that Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God who died in our place? What is the difference between dead works and good works?
4. John noted that we sometimes equate worship only with singing to God. But John said the worship Paul speaks of in Rom 12:1 is "Everything we do to honor the Lord" (Cf. 1 Cor 10:31). Are you viewing your daily labor this way? How about your relationships?
5. In our Field Guide, we talk about having kingdom priorities (pp. 24-25), which is foundational to worshipping the Lord with your entire life. How is it going with everything in your life being done to God's glory? With dying to yourself— "staying on the altar" as John put it?
6. John talked about how the world pressures us to conform to its mold. Read 1 John 2:15-17. How are you prone to conforming to the world? Is there an area of your life where you need to say no to a commitment that has you overextended and unable to serve God as you should?
7. How is it going with intentionally engaging with God through His Word? What is God teaching you right now from His Word?