

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Living Sacrifice

Passages: Romans 12:1-2

Introduction: John spent extended time on the idea of presenting yourself to God as a living sacrifice. John said, "What Paul is driving us to is a life devoted to God. Everything we do during the week and on the weekend should demonstrate our allegiance to God." John developed this idea through six characteristics of offering yourself as a living sacrifice to God.

Additional passages: See below

Questions:

1. **Characteristic 1: Vertical & Characteristic 4: Continual – seeking to glorify God in every area of life (Col 3:17, 23-24).**
 - What is freeing about God's call to devotion to one thing in contrast with a compartmentalized life that is split between many pursuits?
 - What is challenging about God's call to devotion to one thing?
 - Is there a particular aspect of life you tend to want to exclude from devotion to God?
2. **Characteristic 2: Sacrificial (Matt 10:39)**
 - How is it going with finding your joy in serving God and others, even if that means pain and discomfort?
 - Are you sacrificial in the way you witness, or do you blend in?
 - Are you sacrificial in the way you develop others in the church?
3. **Characteristic 3: Excellent (Matt 5:16; Eph 6:5-7; Titus 2:7-8, 3:8)**
 - In your workplace, are you ethical and others-oriented instead of pushing others down to promote yourself?
 - Are you a subject matter expert in your area of work—including homemaking and child rearing?
4. **Characteristic 5: Humble (Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 5:5-6)**
 - John noted that humility is not thinking less of yourself (false humility) but thinking of yourself less. Tim Keller called this "freedom of self-forgetfulness." Does this concept of humility make sense?
 - How is it going with serving others as a regular practice in the church? In your home?
5. **Characteristic 6: Generous**
 - How is it going with generosity with your finances?
 - How is it going with generosity through hospitality, opening up your home to others?