



A Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1-21

Going Deeper...

Romans is a letter written by the Apostle Paul to believers in the city of Rome in the 1st century.

1. Read **Romans 12:1-8**. This chapter begins with the word "therefore". When someone uses the word "therefore", what is it they want you to do? What, in your view, is Paul referring to?
2. What is Paul exhorting his readers to do in response to God's mercy?
3. Paul exhorts his readers to present themselves (ESV, NAS), or offer themselves (NIV), as "living sacrifices". What do you understand that to mean? How (according to verses 3-8) does the apostle advise his readers to do that?
4. Paul also exhorts his readers, in v2, to be transformed - to intentionally seek transformation by God's power; **Romans 12:9-21** identifies the various ways to do that. Reading through these strategies one by one, explain (a) how difficult it is to intentionally do the thing suggested, and (b) how an individual is transformed by doing it.
5. How have you experienced "brotherly love" at Shoestring Church?

