



### **This Week's Icebreaker Question:**

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

### **Series Questions:**

1. What has God revealed to you?
2. What are you doing about it?
3. How is it changing your life?

### **Sermon Specific Questions:**

1. Read Romans 12:1, Romans 6:13-16 and 1 John 2:15. In the Old Testament, worship to God was manifested through animal sacrifice, but in the New Testament, our worship is distinctly different. What does Paul mean by "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice?" If we live a life truly marked by sacrifice to God, how does that affect our thoughts and actions?
2. Read Romans 12:2, Eph 4:22-24 and Ezekiel 36:26-27. Paul commands believers: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" Why does the mind need to be "renewed" in order to worship God and know His will? How does a "renewed" mind view life differently than an un-renewed mind?
3. The word translated "spiritual" (logician) act of worship might better be translated "rational or logical" act of worship. What is the point Paul is trying to get across regarding the motive and design of a believer's worship of God? Do you ever obey God out of fear? What would change if you obeyed him out of gratitude and a desire to please Him?
4. Read Romans 12:1 and Hebrews 13:15-16. The first eleven chapters of Romans deals with what we have received from God, namely justification through Jesus. In chapter 12, Paul shifts gears into what we can give to God through our worship. What seems to be Paul's view on worship and service according to these scriptures? Why do you think our worship can tend to become so inward focused instead of what we can offer God? How can we help to encourage one another to worship God by offering ourselves wholly to God as our spiritual act of worship?
5. Read Romans 12:1 and Matthew 16:26. Both of these Scriptures speak of giving to God. Matthew speaks in terms of an unbeliever striving to give something to God in exchange for his soul, whereas Paul speaks of giving out of what God has already freely given us through a relationship with Jesus. What is the most important sacrifice to receive before we can give anything in sacrifice to God? How have you seen this play out in people around you that try to sacrifice and give to God without having received the most important sacrifice first, which is faith in Jesus and his perfect sacrifice?