



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

What is one goal you'd like to accomplish during your lifetime?

### **Instruction for Life Group Discussion:**

Life Group Leaders: Vision Sunday is a great opportunity to discuss what God HAS done, IS doing and WILL do through the people of James River Church. It's also an opportunity to encourage your group members to take their next steps in discipleship. Over the last couple of weeks in the book of Romans, we have heard from Paul about offering our bodies and living sacrifices to the Lord. This week, we're asking Life Groups to discuss the Vision Sunday question below, then review what we learned in Romans 12:1-8 by discussing the other questions, and help people understand the power of service and the joy in getting involved at the church. After a time of discussion, please invite anyone that hasn't gone through Grow Track to start week 1 of Grow Track on April 7th at any campus! We want everyone to understand that what we see on Vision Sunday only happens when we all present our bodies as a Living Sacrifice!

1. Read Luke 5:26 and Psalm 65:8. When we look at all that God is doing in our church and community, year after year, it's important that we continually give Him thanks for his mighty power. Why is it so critical for us to never lose a sense of awe when we see God at work? What are some things we can do to never lose our sense of wonder when we see God moving?
2. 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?
3. Read Romans 12:1-2. 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?
4. Read Romans 12:3. In Romans 12:1-2, we are urged by Paul to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice." How does the context of these first two verses of Romans 12 influence how we live out 12:3-8? How have you personally used the giftings that God has given you by his grace as an act of worship? Share an example of how God has used you in your gifting as you have offered it back to Him.
5. Read Romans 12:4-5 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-27. In both passages, Paul refers to the church as the body of Christ and compares it to the functioning of the human body. What is significant from these passages about how the body of Christ is supposed to operate? What role do we have in the functioning of the "James River Church Body" that we are a part of? How could you use your giftings in a more significant way?