

# Hacksaw Ridge

## Romans 12:1-2

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will”*

*- Rom 12:2*

---

**Main Point:** When we choose to give and not get we live a life that will bless others

**Introduction:** Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

*What are some sacrifices you make in your everyday life? What is the biggest sacrifice you have ever made?*

*How have sacrifices transformed you?*

---

In our day-to-day lives there are moments when we “bite the bullet” and sacrifice ourselves for the good of others. Sacrifice for God will transform us into new people who live out the gospel. Sacrifice is how we worship God and let God transform us into the likeness of Christ. When we choose to live for others we will live a life of blessing those around us which gives us the opportunity to point them to Jesus.

---

**To Live a Life which blesses others will require you to:**

**1. GIVE GOD YOUR BODY. Have a volunteer read Romans 12:1.**

---

What did Paul plead for his fellow believers? What is the basis of his plea?

What did Paul say to give up, and why should they give it up?

What does it look like practically to offer yourselves as a living sacrifice each day? How is this worship?

**2. GIVE GOD YOUR MIND. Read Romans 12:2.**

---

Why is it easy to conform to the behavior of the world? In what areas of your life might you be going so now?

Did Paul think that people can transform on their own? Why or why not?

Where has the battle for your mind been taking place already? Where has Satan seemingly won and how can we allow Jesus to take that territory back?

### **3. GIVE GOD YOUR WILL. Read Romans 12:2.**

---

How did Paul describe God's will for us? Does His will always seem good, pleasing and perfect?

What evidence can people see that God has transformed your will? Why is it so important for Christians to stand out from the rest of the world?

Read **Ephesians 4:17-19**. What does Paul say the church in Ephesus has lost? (v.19) How did that effect their will in living for God and how can you prevent the same from happening in your life?

In **Ephesians 4:20-24** what does it mean to "put off your old self"? To "put on your new self"? What does that tell you about the old nature and the new nature?

What are the things in the world that are the hardest to take off? How do those things hinder transformation?

---

#### **APPLY IT:**

What worldly things do we make sacrifices for? Are we worshipping these things when we sacrifice for them? Why or why not?

How does sacrifice affect transformation? Why do you think Paul put the two ideas together?

Take a minute to evaluate how your attitudes, actions, and thoughts have changed since turning your life over to God. Are you moving toward Christ and standing out, or toward the things of the world and blending in?

#### **Pray:**

Pray that God would be constantly transforming you and your group. Pray that He would reveal places in your lives to put off the old self and on the new self. Ask Him for the strength and determination to make sacrifices necessary to lead your family, friends, and neighbors to a better understanding of God's love.

---

#### **Coming up @ VillageChurch:**

**New Series:** "Share" starting August 13th

**Discovery Class:** August 27th after 10am worship. RVSP [info@blythewoodvillage.com](mailto:info@blythewoodvillage.com)

**VGroup Fair:** August 20, 27 and Sept 10. Meet VGroup leaders and sign up for Fall semester

**Balloons and Tunes:** September 22nd 6-8pm. Sign up to volunteer in the worship lobby!