

LEADERS

SG Questions will be written throughout summer. Please make a summer schedule for your SG (If you will be off June-July entirely, try to stay connected) and share it to your group soon.

LEARN

Read Romans 12:1-2 together. What stands out from these verses and from Sunday's sermon that was helpful, encouraging or challenging?

How does Romans 12:1-2 relate to all that has come before it in Romans 1-11? What are some of the foundational truths from ch. 1-11 that motivate us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice?

(Paul's "therefore" is tied to the sweeping gospel truths and implications of the gospel he's laid out, giving clear motivation for our lives being sacrifices unto God.)

Why does Paul appeal to Christians "by the mercies of God"? What does this teach us about our motivation for living the Christian life?

(Mercy from God transforms sinners, killing pride and bringing rejoicing for the gospel. Our response to his mercy will directly tie to our motivation for living godly lives.)

How would you explain what it looks like to "be transformed by the renewal of your mind" to someone? What are the key elements they need to understand?

(Ex: Entire change of life through renewal of mind by the Word of God. Coming into line with Truth, through the gospel, indwelt by the Spirit, and living in accord with his Truth.)

PRACTICE

Mercy-motivated motherhood (as in all Christian living) manifests in sacrifice. How does the mercy of God motivate your day to day sacrificial living?

(Ex: The degree to which we are or are not delighting in God's abundant mercy will correlate to the motivation we feel to live a sacrificial life in any of the roles God has us in.)

What does it tangibly look like to not be conformed to this world's patterns, influences and worldview? In what ways do you need a renewed emphasis to obey this command?

(Ex: Resist receiving our identity in anything besides Christ. Shed the comparison trap. Bring all your needs to the Lord instead of complaining to others. Take joy in sacrifice and dependence on God.)

Group prayer idea: Pray for moms together. Pray for delight in God's mercies, for transformation and renewal of mind, and that their living sacrifice would bring God glory.

CHANGE

Where are you finding it hardest to lay down your life as a living sacrifice as an act of worship? In your role as mom/dad? Husband/wife? Being single? Your job? Future plans? Pray together for hearts increasingly captured by the mercy of God to delight in living sacrificially for God's glory.