

LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 2:8, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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Overview:

In Romans 1-11 the Apostle Paul has been explaining the Gospel of Jesus. When we get to Romans 12, and till the end of the book, we are at the “so what” part of the book. What difference does the Gospel of Jesus make in your life? The first thing it should do is have you offer ALL of yourself to God. No longer do you have to offer animal sacrifices to have a right standing before God. He wants all of you. Your feelings, your thoughts, your actions... God is not into negotiating. He will not settle for less than 100% of you. Anything less than 100% and you are just fooling yourself.

Offering yourself to God is an act of worship. One way to know if you have offered yourself to God is to ask yourself the question: “Am I conformed to this world?” Are the decisions you make honoring God or are they helping you fit into social norms? The Apostle Paul states that believers will be transformed. This is the Greek word “metamorphoo.” This is where we get our English word metamorphosis. This is a complete transformation where the new (Gospel Infused) you doesn't resemble the old (Pre Gospel) you.

One way this is done is by the renewing of your mind. How does one go about renewing your mind? There are several ways: being around other Christians, praying and reading God's word. In the Bible, Jesus and Scripture are both referred to as the Power of God. Nothing else in the Bible is referred to as the Power of God. Around 10% of everything that Jesus said was a quotation from the Old Testament. If you were to count all your words throughout the day how many of them are grounded in Scripture? Jesus knew the word. Jesus used the Word when being tempted.

If you want to renew your mind you need to saturate it with Scripture. It is sharper than any double edge sword. The Word of God will cut through any lies you tell yourself as well as the lies of society.

A renewed mind will also want to obey the Will of God. What is the Will of God? 1 Timothy 2:4 states, “God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Being in the Will of God means that you have not only accepted His Grace, but that you are also sharing that Grace with someone else.

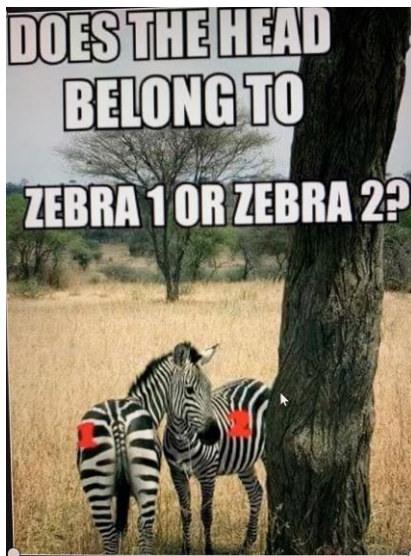
Obedience to God is not done out of self-determination, but out of a mind changed by grace. This is one of the major differences between Christianity and other religions. In other world religions people obey because they want to gain a

right standing with their god. In Christianity we obey because we have a right standing with God. Our obedience is done because of love and grace given to us.

Paul states that you are a living sacrifice. The thing about living sacrifices is they also have a choice to make. Offering all of yourself to God is going to be done through your daily decisions. A living sacrifice with a renewed mind will always want to offer all of themselves to God.

Bible Study:

1. Let's start the study with a couple Mind Game Pictures.



Can you find the
the **mistake**?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

2. How do you present yourself as a living sacrifice?
3. What are some of the spiritual disciplines you have found for the renewing of your mind?
4. How do you know whether or not you are conforming to this world?
5. What would you tell a new believer about the renewing of their mind in Christ?
6. What is your motivation for doing the will of God?
7. What is one thing you would like to change about the way you think and make decisions?

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect¹

Colossians 2:8 ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.²

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

³For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete. ³

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Ro 12:1–2). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

² [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Col 2:8). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

³ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (2 Co 10:2–6). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.