



# Leader

4/13 - Romans 12:1-2 [Renewal]

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?  
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text, Romans 12:1-2. Paul begins chapter 12 by referring to an appeal. What/where is this appeal?  
Paul's argument/appeal started in chapter 1:18 and continued through chapter 11:36. The "therefore" in verse 1 is pointing back to His argument that because God has been merciful to us, we should act in accordance with the grace he has given to us.
3. The phrase "To present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" is packed with meaning. How can we break this down to better understand it?
  - your body - our whole person; body and soul
  - living sacrifice - we enjoy new life in Christ and live sacrificially as instruments of righteousness
  - holy and acceptable to God - God provides a standard for us to live by. We are to seek to be holy vessels set apart for God's divine purposes.
  - spiritual worship - all of these preceding actions are our worship to God
4. How do we conform to this world? What are some example? What are the works of the flesh in comparison to the fruit of the Spirit [Galatians 5:19-24]?  
[Dialogue]
5. So many people desire "transformation" of some sort. Paul says that we can be transformed by the renewal of our mind. What other passages might bring clarity to this idea of renewing our minds?  
**Colossians 3:2** - Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
**Romans 8:5-6** - For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.  
**Philippians 4:8** - Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.  
**Matthew 22:37** - And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

6. As your mind is being made new? How does this God-breathed renewal help us discern the will of God?

The word of God is the will of God. Being renewed by God's word through study and meditation, and being accompanied by the Holy Spirit, allows an individual to better understand what God desires. Plainly, if you don't spend time with God, it is impossible to know what He desires. This is true of God and anyone else you desire a relationship with.

7. The renewal that Paul speaks of is part of the sanctification process. How would you define sanctification?

Sanctification is our cooperation with the Holy Spirit to grow in Christ-likeness; to be made into what God has already declared over us...righteous.

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]

- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

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Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary

- John MacArthur Commentary - Romans