



Sermon-based reflections connect the week to the weekend!

Dig deeper into the talk each week, in a small group or independently. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life.

Message Info: A Living Sacrifice, 7/16/23 - While the world seeks to conform us (an external change) God transforms us from the inside out. When we accept God, we are gifted with a fulfilling, new life. What the world offers can never satisfy us because we are made for eternity. So living in the world can be a challenge. It takes vigilance, intention, and a renewed mind. (*Passages: Romans 12:1, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Genesis 37*)

Discussion Questions: Take your time and dig into these questions.

What should the Christian life look like? Does it line up with the world's expectations? Is it easy to live a life that reflects God? Can you recall times you were challenged to go against the current to do the right thing? What happened?

Read Romans 12:1-2. What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

Our hearts and minds are warped by sin. We're easily drawn away and wrapped up in the world and its passions. But God has a better plan for us, a way back into His presence. Enter Jesus. In Him, we can experience His love and live in peace. But as long as we are in this world, sin is still attractive. What tools do we have to combat the temptation of sin? How can we use them defensively?

Giving our bodies to God is logical in light of His mercies; it's a form of worship. To do this, we must take on the right perspective. We are now dead to worldly desires, chosen and holy; submitting ourselves completely, over and over again. Can we do this if we're still sold out to the world on the inside? What would life look like with one foot in each camp?

Instead of allowing our minds to be molded by the motives of this world, our focus should be on God, which changes how we live. Our renewed minds combat the world's temptations to be led astray. Is it always easy to tell if someone is a Christian? How can our attitude toward church impact our own lives and those we come in contact with?

Experience God's good will through sacrificial living. Be alert at all times. Seek instruction and wisdom from the Bible and ask Holy Spirit to help you apply it. And remain in prayer.

Weekly Challenge: Adopt Sch. Haven or Tremont Food Pantry. Collect some food to support these amazing groups!