

# Home Group Helps

## Romans 12:1-2

### *A Holy Commitment*

### *- 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration -*

Therefore, I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

**I. The Reason (v.1a)** – Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God,

**II. The Response (v.1b)** – to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

**III. The Requirement (v.2a)** – <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind

**IV. The Result (v.2b)** – so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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#### 1. Launching Question(s):

- This text was something of a vision statement for our church when we began 15 years ago. What about the text makes it a good vision statement?

#### 2. Observation Question(s):

- What do you think about when you ponder “the mercies of God” (v.1a)?
- What should be our response to these mercies according to v.1b?

#### 3. Interpretation Question(s):

- What does Paul mean when he states, “present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship?”
- How does this New Testament injunction relate to the Old Testament sacrificial system?

#### 4. Reflection Question(s):

- In vs. 2, we see two aspects of a holy commitment – one negative (“do not be conformed”) and one positive (“but be transformed”).
- To be conformed means “to be pressed into a mold.” How do Christians become “pressed into the mold” of the world?
- “Transformed” (*metamorphoo*) is the Greek word where we get the term *metamorphosis*.
- How is this a good term to describe the Christian making a holy commitment to follow the Lord?
- How are we to go about receiving a transformed life according to the text?

#### 5. Application Question(s):

- What are some ways that we can “renew” our mind this week?