

sermon notes

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Title: "Life on the Altar" | **Passage: Romans 12:9-21**

As people who have been changed by the gospel, we must

1) _____ the _____ (12:9–10)

2) _____ against _____ (12:11–12)

3) _____ (12:13)

4) _____ our _____ (12:14–15)

5) _____ ourselves _____ (12:16)

6) _____ to God (12:17–19)

7) Kill _____ with _____ (12:20–21)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

How does someone get conformed to the world? What things are you being molded by? Make a list of the things(media, activities, relationships) that have an influence on the way you think, speak, and act. Are these things conforming you to the world or are they renewing your mind?

GET PERSONAL

Are there any relationships in your life that are lacking peace? Is there anything you can do about it? Write down a couple ways you can be a peacemaker and ask your small group to hold you accountable to do them.

What is your default emotional state? Joyful? Melancholic? Annoyed? Do you find it difficult to rejoice or weep with others? Pray with another believer that you would both grow in your ability to bear the burdens of others (Galatians 6:2).

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

What are some ways to show hospitality? Think outside the box. Try to answer the question from the perspective of an individual, a family, a small group, or a church.

Are you too busy to engage with the "one anothers" of Romans 12? Are your relationships at church deep enough that you can love, give honor, show hospitality to others at church? Think about how your time is spent and whether you are available to honor, serve, and love one another.