



## Sermon Discussion Questions

"Worship"

Romans 11:36-12:2

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Opener:

How has pressure from others ever affected the way you acted? Growing up? In your job? In your relationships?

Group Interaction: *[The following content is meant to supplement the sermon, to offer further points of interaction with the sermon texts. Also, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the sermon or texts.]*

1. Why do you think Paul uses the imagery of a "living sacrifice" to describe our proper response to God's mercy (v 1)?
2. Why would being a living sacrifice be a key factor into maturity and growth in the faith?
3. God's will has been viewed by some people as something to be avoided rather than desired. How can the last part of verse 2 correct this distortion?

Application:

4. Describe something God's saving mercy and grace has given you that makes it a logical and expected thing to now live entirely for God, as a living sacrifice.
5. What do you think it is that keeps many believers passive and from a closer knowing of God's will (v 2)?
6. To present ourselves as a living sacrifice to God requires a renewal and reworking of our minds. Read the following three passages and discuss how each one shows us ways to participate in that transformation: Psalm 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; 2 Corinthians 3:18.

Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to pour out his spirit upon you. To remind you of your baptism or a spiritually significant event in your life when you awakened to his grace, mercy or love in your life. Ask him to re-inspire you for how to present your body as a living sacrifice. Ask him to renew and bless your group's spiritual worship, that you may taste anew of his good, pleasing and perfect will.

\*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).