

**“What God Wants to See in Our Lives”
Romans 12:1-8**

On this day we often consider an evaluation of the church, but a church is no stronger than each individual member. Romans 12:1-8 challenges each of us to surrender ourselves to God, and to whole-heartedly serve the body of believers to which we belong.

Be Surrendered (1-2)

- With an Initial PRESENTATION (1)

- With an Ongoing TRANSFORMATION (2)

Be Serving (3-8)

- With a Proper MIND-SET (3)

- With a Purposeful MEMBERSHIP (4-5)

- With a Persistent MINISTRY (6-8)

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Paul begins to discuss the Christian’s walk in Romans 12. Share about a memorable walk you have taken.

Discussion Questions

1. How would you explain the phrase “living sacrifice”? Why is this our “reasonable service” to do?

2. What are some key practices to help us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds?

3. What kind of “mindset” (way of thinking) does Paul call for in Romans 12:3? Why is this so important for effective service in the church?

4. What are some ways that we may tend to think too highly or too lowly of our role in the church family?

5. Share an aspect of serving (using your gifts and abilities) that you have enjoyed or think you might enjoy in the church?

Small Group/Family Prayer Time

Each person begin their prayer by reciting Romans 12:1-2 and asking God to help them to be a living sacrifice for Him.

Fun Activity

Jot down the last names of as many “family units” in our church that you can remember without looking at the directory. Compare your list with the church directory to see whom you forgot. Take a few moments to thank God for each family unit in our church.