

**“The Living Sacrifice in Action”
(Romans 12:9-16)**

After the strong exhortation to present yourself as a living sacrifice in Romans 12:1-2, Paul now further explains what a living sacrifice should look like.

The Living Sacrifice Loves (v.9-10)

- With Godly Love (9)
- With Brotherly Love (10)

The Living Sacrifice Serves (vv.11-13)

- With Passion (11)
- With Patience (12)
- With Practical Help (13)

The Living Sacrifice Empathizes (14-16)

- With Those Who Persecute Us (14)
- With Those Who Rejoice or Weep (15)
- With Those Who Are Lowly (16)

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share some way that your church (or someone in general) has shown brotherly love toward you.

Discussion Questions

1. Describe “brotherly love” in your own words. Why is it so important that a church be “filled” with this kind of love?
2. Read and discuss Romans 12:11-13. How do each of these commands demonstrate brotherly love? Which one of these commands most challenges you right now?
3. Why is Romans 12:14 important for us to obey? What are some practical things we can do to be ready to obey this command?
4. What is the main point that Paul is making in Romans 12:16? (Compare Romans 15:5-6; Philippians 2:2)

Small Group Prayer

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 and pray that brotherly love will abound more and more in and through your group and through our church.

Digging Deeper

Look up the following verses and jot down what each one says about the importance of hating evil. (Ps 97:10; 119:104, 128, 163; Prov 8:13; 28:16; Rom 12:9; Heb 1:9; and Rev 2:6). What sin does God want you to “hate” and turn away from in your life?

Read the commands in Romans 12:11-16 several times, and prayerfully pick out 1 or 2 of these commands for which you need to do better. Be sure to take some positive steps this week.