

Life Group & Personal Bible Study Questions

1. *According to Romans 12:1 and 2, what are the first steps we can take in order to discover what God might have in mind for us personally? What does “offering your body as a living sacrifice” look like in your life right now? What would you like to see change?*
2. *What are some practical ways to assess the guilt we might feel over not “doing more”? What truths might move us toward a healthy outlook and activity level in terms of ministry involvement?*
3. *What are some examples of the way you are “uniquely called” by God? How are they useful to the body of Christ? Outside the body of Christ?*
4. *The next time you are presented with a need you care about, what steps will you take to deal with it?*
5. *In what ways are you specifically encouraged when we are gathered as a church? What do you do that encourages the body of believers when we are gathered?*
6. *How do you see the way that God has gifted you impacting those in your everyday realm? What would you like to see God develop?*



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A Sign that we are overwhelmed

When _____ feel like _____

Living this way produces harmful _____

What we want to know is

What does God _____?

The Example of Romans 12

1. God will _____ what God _____ in us.

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-3, NIV)

2. Lose the _____

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. (Romans 12:3, NIV)

3. Celebrate your _____

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. (Romans 12:4-6, NIV)

4. _____ doesn't always mean _____

⁶... If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:6-8, NIV)

5. Embrace the _____

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. (Romans 12:9-16, NIV)

6. Express the _____

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:17-21, NIV)