

Living Sacrifice

Small Group Discussion Guide

BIG Idea: As we await Jesus' return, we are invited to live as living sacrifices, preparing the way for His glory. Joy is the natural response when we recognize God is at work—and the right response is to rejoice out loud.

Application: This week, intentionally surrender one area of your life to God and make room for Him to shape your obedience and purpose

Join us as we read the Bible together in 2026.

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Discussion

1. When you hear the phrase *“living sacrifice,”* what word or image immediately comes to mind—and why?
2. Romans 12:1 calls us to offer our lives as worship. How is this different from simply trying to be a “better” Christian or improve ourselves?
3. The sermon emphasized that a living sacrifice is **surrender-shaped, not self-directed**. Where do you find yourself most tempted to direct your own growth apart from God?
4. Proverbs 3:5–6 challenges us to trust God rather than lean on our own understanding. What does trusting God practically look like in the season of life you're in right now?
5. Jesus says we must “carry our own cross” daily (Luke 14:27). What are some everyday ways denying the flesh shows up—not just big, dramatic sacrifices?
6. Galatians 5 contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. Which fruit do you most desire to see grow in your life this year? Which work of the flesh tends to compete with it?
7. The message described denial not as loss, but devotion. How does reframing sacrifice in this way change how you approach obedience?
8. Revelation 3 warns against lukewarm faith. What are some signs that comfort or passivity may be creeping into our faith without us noticing?
9. The sermon reminded us that preparation for Jesus' return happens daily, not all at once. What small, faithful practices help keep your heart awake and attentive to God?
10. How can this group specifically support one another in living surrendered lives this year—practically, relationally, and spiritually?

Prayer Prompt

Take time to pray for one another, asking God to reveal areas of comfort or self-direction that need surrender. Pray for courage to deny the flesh daily, hearts that stay spiritually awake, and lives that prepare the way for Jesus—together.