

WHEN IN ROMANS – PT. 2

Week 6 - Discussion Questions

SERMON SUMMARY

*This sermon walks through Romans 12:3–21 and shows that true worship is far more than singing songs — it's a life laid down in response to God's mercy. Paul calls us to be **unalone**, recognizing that God has gifted each of us uniquely to build up the body of Christ; **unashamed**, living differently from the world around us by embodying genuine love, perseverance, and devotion; and **unafraid**, responding to hostility not with vengeance but with radical love that overcomes evil with good. Just as Abraham's first act of worship in Genesis 22 was an act of sacrifice, and just as Jesus offered Himself fully on the cross, we are invited to offer our whole lives as a living sacrifice. In view of God's mercy, worship is not just what we sing; it's how we live.*

ICEBREAKER

- What's something small in your daily routine that would feel like a sacrifice to give up for a week?
(Coffee, social media, hitting snooze, etc)

REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES. READ ROMANS 12:3–8

- Which of the seven gifts listed in Romans 12 resonates most with you, and why?
- How does knowing your gifts help you move from being a spectator to an active participant in the life of the church?
- What might be holding you back from fully offering your gifts to build up the body of Christ?



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LIVING DIFFERENTLY. READ ROMANS 12:9–13

- Paul lists nearly 30 rapid-fire commands in verses 9–21. Which one do you find most challenging, and why?
- Paul starts this section with “Let love be genuine.” What separates genuine love and other kinds of love?
- Ray Ortlund said, “The only answer to one culture is another culture.” In what ways could your home group embody this “counterculture” — not just talk about love, but create a community of love that draws people toward Jesus?

RESPONDING WITH COURAGE. READ ROMANS 12:14–21

- Paul calls us to bless those who persecute us and to overcome evil with good. Why is that so hard? What helps us do that?
- Where is God calling you right now to respond with love instead of revenge, forgiveness instead of bitterness, or humility instead of pride?

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DIGGING DEEPER.

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE AS WORSHIP

Genesis 22:5 marks the first time the word "worship" is used in the Bible, setting a foundational understanding of what worship truly means. In this passage, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son Isaac, demonstrating profound faith and obedience to God's command. When Abraham tells his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you," he reveals that worship is not merely a ritual or ceremony, but an act of complete surrender and trust in God. This moment in Abraham's life illustrates that true worship involves obedience and sacrifice, foreshadowing the ultimate act of worship through Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

QUESTIONS

- How does Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac redefine our understanding of worship?
- In what ways can obedience to God be considered an act of worship in our own lives?
- What parallels can you draw between Isaac carrying the wood for the sacrifice and Jesus carrying the cross?