

**Belonging to Jesus: “Making Life Changes”  
Romans 12:1-2****Romans 12:1-2**

- (1) “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
- (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

**1. Allow the “mercies of God” to impact \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Romans 12:1; 1:25, 28; 6:13, 19; 11:30-36)

Several months ago I introduced a plan from the book of Romans to help us become more like Jesus. This plan is an important guide to focus our thinking and our living. The plan looks like this:

- Look to the cross.
  - Look to the Kingdom.
    - Look to the Spirit.
      - Look to Jesus, arm in arm with the church.
        - Reach out to those who don’t yet know Jesus.

**2. Willingly Dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**  
(Romans 12:1; 6:1-14, 13, 16, 19; 8:12-17)

### 3. Broaden your \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:2)

#### Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

#### Monday-Tuesday

- Review: Read Romans 1:1-17, focus on verses 16-17. How did Paul show that he was not ashamed of the gospel? In what way is the gospel “the power of God”? How does this affect how you live your faith in your daily life?
- Romans 12 begins the practical Christian living section in Romans, but there have been practical applications all along. What do you find out in Romans 6:11-13, 19; 7:6; 8:9; 11:18, 20?
- What have you read and thought about today that the Lord would like you to begin applying in your life? How would your life be different? Be sure to share with one other what God is doing.

#### Wednesday-Thursday

- Review: Read Romans 1:18-3:20. This is a lot, but focus on what displeases God the most about Gentiles and Jews. What does Romans 3:10 (There is none who does good”) mean to you when you see people who seem to be good people doing good deeds? Why would Paul say something like this?
- Spend some time with Philippians 2:12-13 by making observations. What does God do? What is our responsibility? What would this practically look like in your life? Make plans to put this into practice.

#### Friday-Saturday

- Respond to the statement, “We worship God, says Paul, by giving ourselves in sacrificial service to our Lord. We are to serve him every day, every hour, every minute.” (Moo, *Romans*, NIV Application, 397) If worship is 24/7/365 (24 hours every day of every year), in what way is eating, driving, working, cleaning, raising children to be understood as worship?
- This worship consists of giving of ourselves to God as sacrifices and comes about as a response to our understanding of His grace and its place in our lives. Spend time today in worship of our Lord, remembering who He is and what He has done in your life.