

Now What?

ROMANS 12:1-21

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Give your **WHOLE SELF** to God, (v. 1-2)

a living sacrifice v. 1 Ps 51:17; Heb 13:15; Rom 6:13; Eph 5:1–2; Luke 9:23

a renewed mind v. 2 Eph 4:22–24; Col 3:10; 2 Cor 4:16; Phil 4:8; Ps 119:11

using your gifts & abilities for the good of **ONE ANOTHER** (v. 3-13)

» ***use* what you have** 1 Pet 4:10; 1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:11–12; 1 Cor 12:4–6; Eph 2:10; 2 Tim 1:6

↔ **serve & love each other** John 13:34–35; Gal 5:13; Phil 2:3–4; 1 John 4:11; 1 Pet 1:22; Col 3:14

and the good of those **FAR FROM GOD**. (v. 14-21)

even your enemies Matt 5:44; Luke 6:35; Rom 5:10; Eph 2:13

overcome evil with good 1 Pet 3:9; 1 Thess 5:15; 1 John 5:4; Gal 6:9–10

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

life groups Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with one another as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

Most friend groups and families have a go-to person for something: fixing the Wi-Fi, settling a trivia argument, knowing exactly which pan to use. What are you the go-to person for?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. 📖 **Read Romans 12:1-21.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. Paul urges us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, and he begins with "*by the mercies of God*" (**Rom 12:1**). How does it change the way you hear this command when you recognize that it starts with what God has already done for you?

3. 📖 **Read Ephesians 4:22–24 and Psalm 119:11.** Paul says we are to "*be transformed by the renewal of your mind*" (**Rom 12:2**). What helps your thinking get renewed, and what tends to pull it back toward the way everyone around us thinks?

   - There are some obvious spiritual/biblical answers here (i.e. memorize Scripture, etc.), so start by listing those. But after that, press further. What are some practical things you do that help you as well?

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Welcome to Wawasee community bible church

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.

Secure Son/Daughter
I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.

Courageous Connector
I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.

Ready Storyteller
I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.

Legacy Builder
Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Romans 12:8-13 (NLT)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

8 If your **gift** is to **encourage others**, be **encouraging**. If it is **giving**, **give generously**. If God has **given** you **leadership ability**, **take** the **responsibility seriously**. And if you have a **gift** for **showing kindness** to **others**, do it **gladly**. 9 Don't **just pretend** to **love others**. **Really love** them. **Hate** what is wrong. **Hold tightly** to what is **good**. 10 **Love each other** with **genuine affection**, and **take delight** in **honoring each other**. 11 **Never** be **lazy**, but **work hard** and **serve** the **Lord enthusiastically**. 12 **Rejoice** in our **confident** hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. 13 When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

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4. Paul writes we are one body with many members, each with gifts that differ "*according to the grace given to us*" (**Rom 12:4–6**). Think of a gift or ability someone in your group or church has used for your good. What did it mean to you?

   - What is something God has given you that could do the same for someone else? (This isn't the time to be shy… you're gifted! You have abilities? What are they? — If you're unsure, let those in your group speak into them.)

5. 📖 **Read John 13:34–35 and Galatians 5:13.** Paul describes genuine love as honoring one another, meeting needs, and showing hospitality (**Rom 12:9–13**). What would it look like for the love in your group and in our church to be something an outsider could notice?

6. Paul says to bless those who persecute you and to feed an enemy who is hungry, and he ends with "*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good*" (**Rom 12:14, 20–21**). Why do you think he calls responding with good a way of overcoming instead of giving in?

   - Earlier in Romans Paul wrote that we were once God's enemies, too (**Rom 5:10**). How does remembering that shape the way you see someone who is against you?

Taking It Home

7. Paul moves from giving ourselves to God to doing good for the people around us. This week, who is one person far from God or hard for you to love, and what is one thing you already have that you could use for their good? — Or, what gift/ability do you have that you've never offered to use for the good of the church? What's stopping you?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

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