

Renewed

*Our Marks: How do we know if
We are successful?*

Romans 12:1-2

TALK IT OVER

Passages

12 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." – Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- When is our next outreach party? See page 4 for the framework around holding an outreach party.
- What is the next mission we would like to participate in?
- If the preacher had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include on the matter?

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- According to Romans 12:1-2, what are the marks of Spiritual Renewal? What strikes you about these?
- Why do you think Paul is saying to give our bodies as living sacrifice? What do you think that looks like?

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- The Marks are: Renewed Dependency on God's Word and People. Renewed Priorities of Time, Energy, and Resources. Renewed Love for God's people and the lost.

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- Do I go to God's word when confronted with a situation or decision?
- Do I rely on the body of believers for wisdom/support?
- Do I put attending worship a high priority in life?
- Do I give my time in service to others?
- Do I joyfully give a portion of my income to the mission of the church?
- Do I encourage people to take a step closer to Jesus?
 - Believers
 - Unbelievers

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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