

VGROUP STUDY GUIDE
"ROMANS-OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD"
ROMANS 12: 1-2
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FOCAL POINT: What were some typical expectations your parents had for you growing up? What are some expectations you have for your children? Are the expectations much different than what your parents desired for you?

Our text today points out that God has expectations from His children as well. And His children are US! His children make up the church.

TEXT:

*Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.*

God expects His people to:

Worship (v. 1)

1.What is “worship” to you? How does v. 1 define worship? Present your bodies as a living sacrifice to God. In this instance, what is the focus of worship? How have we typically gotten this backwards?

2.Explain how sacrifice worked in the Old Testament? What was it? Why was it done? Why do animals no longer have to be sacrificed? *Read Heb. 9: 26-27*

3.We’re to sacrifice ourselves, our wants and desires to God. What makes giving something up difficult? Why is it sometimes difficult for us to sacrifice ourselves to God?

Stand out (v. 2)

1.The word “conformed” means “to be formed or molded after something.” What are some consequences you’ve seen of people being shaped by the world? Have you wondered how our world is in the moral place it’s in today? What have you noticed?

2.How is it that so many have been shaped by the world when it’s evident it’s destructive? *Read 2 Cor. 4: 4.* Why is conformity to this world attractive to people? Think of the hunter wearing camouflage.

3.Blending in is contradictory to the call of the church. *Read Matt. 5: 14-16.* How are Christians, how is the church to stand out? What ways are you/the church being a light?

Follow His instructions (v. 2)

1.The word “discern” means “to prove something by putting it to the test.” We’re called to put God’s instructions to the test. How do we do that? Why would we do that?

2.Why follow His instructions instead of our own? Share an example of when you followed Christ’s instructions and you were surprised by the results.