DGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



"I Surrender All" Romans, Part 23 Pastor Bryan James July 16, 2023

WELCOME What do you think is something a friend/colleague/etc. would naturally come to you for help or expertise on? Why?

WORSHIP "I Surrender All" by Reawaken Hymns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSPcuV5Sli8

WORD Romans 12:1-21

1. What stood out to you in the message this week?

2. Read Romans 12:1.

- o What is the difference between mercy and grace?
- A living sacrifice: (1) How do we move from knowledge and understanding of *mercy* to that of *grace*? (2) How do we then surrender to that knowledge in such a way that we apply it to our lives, which includes our physical bodies?

3. Read Romans 12:2

- The 'pattern of this world' = 'natural instinctive living.' Why should we be weary of conforming to our natural instincts?
- How can we proactively renew our mind? How does the renewal of our mind transform our hearts?
- Share if you feel led. What is a stronghold (lie) that you had built your life/livelihood/lifestyle upon? How did you overcome it with Truth (transformed via a renewed mind)?

4. Read verses 3-8.

- How does God naturally order us into the Body of Christ (and under His covering) as we become a living sacrifice?
- What stood out to you as PBJ discussed exercising spiritual gifts? Why did it make an impression on you?
- 5. Read verses 9-21. Paul describes the marks of a true Christian. What areas are evident in your life? What areas do you struggle with? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach/counsel you in every matter.
- **6.** What are the steps Pastor Bryan instructed us to follow to overcome evil with good? (Verse 21)

WITNESS In view of God's mercy, how can you offer your Body as a living sacrifice this week as a witness to God's goodness and grace?