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## Strengthening the Core: Week 4

Dan Jarrell, September 8, 2019  
*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

#### Romans 12:1-2

1. According to this verse, what is our spiritual act of worship?
2. According to this verse, what effect will our transformation have on us?

### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.*

3. Think of a time when you experienced the mercy of God, and He met you “right where you were”. Maybe it was a time where you were in deep need of God’s help and, despite your circumstances or choices, God showed up with undeniable love, help, or compassion. Tell that story.
4. What makes it difficult for you to “offer your body as a living sacrifice”, sincerely and entirely laying your agenda, ambitions, hopes, thoughts, and plans before God, trusting in Him?
5. Can you think of a paradigm or way of thinking that, when surrendered to God, He completely transformed? What changed?
6. Is there a place where you know you need a new way of thinking? Where would you like a renewed mind, to experience God’s blessing, pleasure, and peace – knowing that you are in alignment with His will and His ways?

### Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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#### We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!  
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.  
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