



FALL 2026 // WEEK 1

GrowGroup Questions

Sermon Based Groups // Sept. 20, 2026

Pastor Pat // Romans 12

Living Sacrifice



Introduction

This Sunday our message is brought to us by Pastor Pat. Today is “All-In” Sunday as we study Romans 12.

We encourage you to take some time to read through the questions on the following pages and jot down your thoughts before meeting with your group. Many people also find it helpful to use these questions as a guide for taking notes during the sermon. Many of these topics will be touched upon. The purpose of these questions is to spark reflection and encourage meaningful conversation. Remember, you don’t need to work through every single question each week—focus on the ones that are most helpful for you and your group.

Getting Started

Transition into group discussion.

- 1) Open group discussion with prayer.
- 2) Choose someone to read Romans 12:1-13 to the group.

Study Questions *(Suggested time: 30-40 min)*

1. The book of Romans is rich in theology. You can find Salvation theology, Sanctification theology, Justification theology and even the theology of Glorification, among others. Match the doctrines listed with the definition and discuss the personal significance of each doctrine.

Salvation	a. Your standing before God in Christ <i>“Just-if-I’d-never-sinned”</i>
Sanctification	b. God’s final removal of sin in the life of a believer, with a glorified body and unhindered access to God’s presence throughout eternity.
Justification	c. Setting believers apart from sin to grow in grace and knowledge of Lord Jesus Christ. <i>“Becoming More and More like Jesus.</i>
Glorification	d. The complete forgiveness of sin with the promise of eternal life and being born again into God’s forever family.

2. Romans 12:1, read this verse. Relate and Connect the **“Therefore”** with **“Reasonable Service”**. How do these relate to one another? Hints: Romans 5:1, 8:1, 6:23, 10:13, etc...

3. Romans 12:1 states that we are to **“Present”** ourselves to the Lord.

- a) Is this Imperative or Suggestive? What difference does it make?
- b) After Salvation, have you ever “presented” your life to the Lord?? Explain

4. Romans 12:1 mentions a **“Living”** Sacrifice.



- a) What does this imply to You?
- b) **“Living”** comes from the greek word [dzah]. The same word used in gospel of John to describe **“Living Water”** (Jn 4:10 / 7:38) and **“Abundant Life”** (Jn 10:10). So... does this seem to indicate serving God is cumbersome or otherwise?
- c) Can you share any personal experiences of **“Abundant Life”** in Serving the Lord?

5. According to Romans 12:3, 10, what are the 2 **“Bookends”** of genuine joy-giving service? Explain WHY these indeed are critical components of Serving the Lord.

6. Romans 12:4-8 gives us a list of SOME spiritual gifts. This is NOT an exhaustive list.

- a) What are the 3 categories of Spiritual Gifts found in God’s Word?? (*Sermon Notes only*)
- b) Does every Christian have a Spiritual Gift?
- c) Discuss... Are Spiritual Gifts and Natural Abilities one and the same? If not, how might they differ?

7. The Church is described on multiple occasions throughout the New Testament as **the Body of Christ**. How effective or debilitating would it be for parts of the body NOT to function, OR to do their own thing? Discuss

8. The Church is described as **the Body of Christ**, How effective would it be if **ALL THE BODY** is functioning in a healthy and vibrant manner? What would be the end result? (see Jn 12:32)

9. What is the Greek word for “**Reasonable**”? Clue: *Remember, it just logical.*

- a) Why would it be “reasonable” for anyone to serve the Lord Jesus Christ?
- b) How should your **faith becoming sight** some day, impact your decision to serve Christ today, in the Here and Now?

10. What do you think it means to be “All-In”? Any reason NOT to be “All-in”? Discuss.

Are You “All-in”?

Prayer (Suggested time: 10-15 min)

- A meaningful part of “coming together” is being open and genuine about our lives. For some, praying in a group may feel very natural, while for others it may feel new or uncomfortable. If you would prefer not to pray aloud, you’re welcome to pray silently and simply say “Amen” when you’re finished, signaling the next person to pray. Whether spoken or silent, every prayer is part of this shared time in God’s presence.

1. Pray for God’s Kingdom to come!
2. Take a few moments to think about a prayer request. Is there an area of your life where you struggle to have the peace of God? Consider making a prayer request.

Name	Prayer Request

“...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:312b, NKJV)