

WEEK 23 | ROMANS 12:1-2

ROMANS | THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S POWER

OTHER HELPFUL PASSAGES.

The following passages may be helpful to you as you consider this text.

- Philippians 3:12-14
- Luke 9:23-24
- Galatians 2:20

THEMES.

The overarching theme of Romans is the gospel—salvation through Jesus Christ. That is important to remember and keep in front of your group, because the letter is a theological masterpiece. But as with any work of art, each brush stroke's true beauty is best seen when the piece as a whole is realized. To that end, we will deal with many sub-themes, but remember that each one weaves together to give the “fullest, plainest and grandest statement of the gospel in the New Testament.”¹

1. A right understanding of theology leads to doxology of God, producing Christlikeness. (Rom. 11:33-12:2)
2. All who trust in Jesus Christ seek to put to death their sin nature, and submit themselves to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 12:1-2)

QUESTIONS.

Feel free use any, all, or none of these questions as you facilitate your group. Their purpose is to be an aid to you as you consider how to teach the implications of the week's Scriptures.

1. What is your vision of the good life? What would make you feel fulfilled?
2. How does Romans 12:1-2 portray a good life for Christians? How does this inform your personal vision?
3. Paul shifts his thoughts from orthodox belief to faithful living in chapter 12. How have your beliefs changed the pattern of your life? How do your motives, hopes, and goals differ today than in the past? Why?
4. How might viewing your daily activity as worship impact your parenting, job activity, marriage, etc.?
5. How is God calling you to obey him as a living sacrifice? Have you been resisting? If so, why?

Often it's helpful to talk these things out among friends. If you're a believer, but have been resisting, submit. There is hope. God will not fail,

PRAY TO CLOSE.

¹ John R. W. Stott, *The Message of Romans: God's good news for the world*. (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1994), 19.