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Romans 12:1-2 (NLT) - And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ²Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

vs.1 - The Whole Person

vs.2 - Renovated and Transformed

Study Guide

This last Sunday we had a conversation about what it takes to be aligned with God, and how God desires transformation, not just behavioral modification.

Give Romans 12:1-2 a read again.

The two things that Paul tells us is important to being aligned with God is giving our whole selves to Him and being open to be transformed.

When you consider how much of yourself you have given to God, what parts have you held back? What corners of your life do you feel you haven't given completely to God? Why not?

When we talk about transformation, it can be hard to imagine what we will be transformed into or who God wants us to be, but by looking back over our lives we can find evidence of ways we have already been transformed.

What are some ways that you are different today than you used to be? Specifically, what are some ways that you feel God has transformed you? Another way to phrase this would be, if you remember a time before being a Christian, how are you different now?

As you have lived as a Christian, what are some ways that have worked for you to invite God in to transform you? How have you been able to do so? What has made it easier?

One of the things we are constantly told to do in the Bible is lift each other up in prayer. Please share some hard spots for you to entrust to God and pray for each other that God would give you the faith and strength to continue to hand your life over to him.