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HOME GROUP GUIDE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

LISTEN

Listen to the sermon and read through the main passage(s)



REFLECT

Prayerfully answer the questions below



DISCUSS

Meet with your group to discuss



RESPOND

Apply the truth of God's word to your life

BACKGROUND:

"How do I know God's will for my life?" At some point, every believer asks this question in one form or another. Scripture is full of principles that reveal God's desire for us, yet we often struggle to know how to move forward in a specific situation. We often ask this question, seeking guidance in the form of a sign, a feeling, or some clear direction. But in Romans 12:1-2, Paul starts with the gospel.

Everything in the first eleven chapters of Romans has laid the foundation of "the mercies of God" that shape our relationship with God. Because we have experienced his mercy, we are called to present our bodies as living sacrifices, fully surrendering our lives to God. This is not partial devotion but a life of worship. As we surrender our lives to God, he gives us discernment. We are transformed by the renewal of the mind so that we can test and approve God's will.

The order matters. We often want clarity before commitment, but Scripture teaches the opposite: clarity comes through surrender. As we give ourselves fully to God, he shapes our thinking and directs our steps.

OPEN:

1. When have you asked, "God, what is your will for my life?" What kind of answer did you receive? What kind of answer were you hoping for?

REFLECT:

2. Read Romans 12:1-2. Why does Paul begin with "by the mercies of God"? How does remembering what God has done shape our response to Him?

3. What does it mean to present your body as a living sacrifice? What does it reveal about the level of commitment expected of believers?

4. What does “being transformed by the renewal of your mind” look like practically? How does this lead to discerning God’s will?

APPLY:

5. What are some practical ways you can renew your mind this week? How can seeing your daily activities as acts of worship help you determine God’s will?

6. Is there an area of your life where you are waiting for clarity before fully committing to God? What would it look like to surrender that area now?

7. After reflecting on this week’s message, what are some of your key takeaways? How do you plan to apply them moving forward?

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