

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Message Series: When in Rome, Don't!
Message Title: Simple Sacrifice of Love
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AT A GLANCE

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12; Matthew 5:40-42;
Matthew 22:36-40

APPLICATION

- Simplicity is key
- Love with all your heart and soul
- Love with all your might

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

Read Romans 12:1-8.

1 In what ways do you “offer yourself as a living sacrifice” unto the Lord?

2 Renew means “to restore freshness; to make new”. What is being renewed in your life right now? What needs renewing?

Key concepts Paul is hoping we understand in our Christian faith:
Orthodoxy - what you believe, a way of thinking
Orthopraxy - what you practice, the way you live

3 Verses 6-8 focus on the motivational gifts. What motivational gift(s) has God given you? (Optional: Take the Motivational Gifts Test to discover your gift(s))

Read Romans 12:9-21. (Supporting scriptures: Matt. 5:40-42, 22:36-40)
Relationship is how we love God. Partnership is how we love others.

4 What simple sacrifices of love is God calling you to do and to whom? What simple sacrifices of love have blessed you?

PAUSE, PONDER, AND PRAY

Paul's hope was to root out self-centeredness from the church and unite everyone under one purpose...JESUS! We do this through loving and serving others. LOVE is the sacrifice we make in our daily lives. It is how we renew ourselves. God wants us to partner with Him in building His kingdom through loving others. Don't just come to church. Be the church!