

CONNECT Group study questions for Sept. 9, 2018
Title: “Total Commitment 24/7”

Read Romans 12:1.

Read Romans 12:1 in its entirety before each set of questions and then reread the particular phrase that is the focus of the question.

Read Romans 12:1. Focus on “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God ...”

1. Paul opens this chapter with the word “therefore” which means “for that reason.” Paul is referencing the previous chapters where he has outlined the gospel. In this same phrase he uses the word “beseech” which means to “ask (someone) urgently and fervently to do something.” He is placing great emphasis on what he is about to say!

- Take a moment to think about what God has done for us through Christ and consider why Paul felt it necessary to open this chapter with these words.
- Why was this so important to Paul?
- Why is it important to us?

Read Romans 12:1. Focus on “... that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God ...”

2. Pastor Peppy demonstrated, through the rope analogy, that we often spend very little time with God during the regular course of a week. Romans 12 describes the Christian life as absolute surrender to God.

- How do we practically achieve that?
- How do we live our lives each day so that we are, every day, more surrendered to God’s will? Be specific about what spiritual disciplines and practices you participate in every day to accomplish this.
- Are there any disciplines and practices that you want to learn more about?

Read Romans 12:1. Focus on “... which is your reasonable service.”

3. Romans 12 describes our devotion to God as “reasonable” and “logical” because of what Christ has done for us.

- Does devotion to God seem reasonable and logical to you?
- If that is the case, then why do we disobey God so often? Be as personal and as specific as you are comfortable with.

4. Did you do something great this week for God and his kingdom? What is it? Share it with the group.