



### **OUR PURPOSE (WHY WE EXIST)**

Our reason for existence is "to make Christ known and to disciple the knowing."

### **OUR PASSIONS (WHO WE LOVE)**

*GOD, THE CHURCH, THE UN-CHURCHED*

We love God because He is uniquely beautiful, infinitely worthy, and supremely valuable. We love the church because it is more than a building; it is the "body of Christ" and the "brotherhood of the saints," a collection of redeemed men and women who find common ground in their love of Jesus. We love the un-churched because God loves the un-churched, and He wants to use us to make His love known.

### **OUR PRACTICES (WHAT WE DO)**

*WORSHIP, MINISTRY, MISSIONS*

Because we love God, we worship Him (Father, Son, and Spirit) through relevant music and engaging preaching; knowing that He alone deserves our worship. Because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ, we do ministry (acts of service by the church for the church), knowing that the world will see our love for each other as proof of our love for God. We engage in missional acts of service because we know that eternity is real and really long.

Our hope is to bring the life-changing gospel of Jesus to those who don't know God, so they can experience forgiveness, and spend eternity in grateful worship of God, instead of experiencing God's wrath in the eternal torment of Hell.

### **In God We Trust**

*A Living Sacrifice*

Romans 12:1-2

### **GOALS:**

1. To grow in relationship with God.
2. To grow in relationship with others.
3. To grow our groups and start new groups.

### **INTRODUCTION (PLEASE READ ALOUD BEFORE EVERY GROUP):**

We all acknowledge God's mercy on us, as He sent His Son to die in *our* place on the cross. Jesus' sacrifice made it possible for us to have eternal life! The question remains: how should we live our lives in response to all that God has done for us. The book of Romans is packed full of incredible Christian theology, but the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter gives us practical insights on how to live out that theology – perhaps we can call it "walkology." This study will encourage us the actually "walk the walk, and not just talk the talk!"

**REVIEW:** What is the current series? Why are we doing this? What is this week's title? Why is this subject important to study?

### **Read Romans 12:1-2**

1. What is unmerited favor? How important is it for you to acknowledge the gift of God's grace?
2. What is a sacrifice? How were sins atoned for in the Old Testament? How did Jesus' death on the cross cancel out the Old Testament system of sacrifices?
3. What is meant by a "living sacrifice?" How is a living sacrifice considered worship? What does that look like in our daily lives?
4. What does Paul mean by the pattern of this world? Who/what helps us not to conform to the world?
5. How can we be "transformed?" What did Pastor Brian say the word "transformed" means? How often should we be renewing our minds?
6. How encouraging is verse 2 to you? How can this verse help believers to know the will of God?

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Membership Class 10-1pm

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Family Fun Night 5-7pm