

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans

Message: Total Devotion

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Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Devotion to God brings transformation and impacts others.

Read Romans 12:1-8

1. Worship is not confined to music or Sundays; it is a surrendered life (v 1). What does it look like for you to live your life as a living sacrifice? When is a time you have had to sacrifice something for the Lord? Do you see this verse pointing more toward a one-time sacrifice or a daily, ongoing act of surrender? What is one practical way you could live this out in the coming week?
2. Believers are not to be conformed to this world (v 2a). Has there been a season in your life when culture, relationships, or personal desires had an outsized influence on your decisions? Where are you still feeling squeezed to fit a worldly mold? How can you discern whether the choices you are making align with God's will or are primarily driven by your own preferences?
3. Paul emphasizes that transformation isn't just about changing behavior; it's about renewing the mind (v 2b). Trying to change a habit through sheer willpower often leads to failure. Paul suggests that real change starts with what we dwell on. What "script" or thought pattern have you been carrying lately that is unhelpful? What specifically could you replace it with that aligns with God's truth? How can you discern whether the choices you are making



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4. We are called to think of ourselves with sober judgment according to the measure of faith God has given (v 3). We tend to swing between two extremes: over-inflated pride or under-inflated insecurity. When you look in the "mirror" of your soul, do you tend to focus on your flaws or puff up your successes? What does it feel like to simply be "sober" and honest about who you are today? How does acknowledging our limits and shortcomings make us more relatable to others?
5. We are one body in Christ, and each member belongs to all the others (vv 5-6). Why is following Jesus personal, but never private or isolated? How have you experienced the strength or blessing of being part of a church body? Where might God be inviting you to lean in more fully to community at NCBC as we seek to reach more people by 2030?
6. Spiritual gifts are not earned; they are given by grace for the good of the body (v 6). What are some gifts or abilities you believe God has uniquely given you? How have others affirmed those in you? Do you feel you have been using that gift effectively? What is one specific way you could use it this week for the benefit of others?
7. The church is designed for mutual dependence and encouragement through diverse gifts (Romans 12:4-8). What is a gift you see in someone else that you genuinely appreciate? How have you seen them use that gift to serve others or glorify God? What would it look like to let them know you see and appreciate their gifting this week?



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