

Home Group Questions - March 3, 2019

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1. Can you think of any characters from literature, movies, TV, etc. that were called to make a great sacrifice for the sake of others?
2. Can you think of a time when someone else made a sacrifice for your sake? When have you had to make sacrifices for others?
3. Read Romans 12:1-8 with your group.
 - Do you have any questions or comments after reading this passage?
 - If you could summarize this passage in one sentence, what would it be?
 - Reading verse 1 again, why does Paul say we should offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God? (there may be more than one reason)
 - Paul notes in verse 2 that we should *“not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”*. How would offering your life as a sacrifice to the Lord be non-conformative to the ways of the world?
 - In verse 3, Paul says, *“do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you”*. How does this command relate to the idea of sacrifice?
 - In verses 4-8, Paul transitions to the idea of the Body of Christ and how we all play a different part in the body. Again, how do these verses relate to the idea of sacrifice in verse 1?
4. What kinds of things has God called you to sacrifice for His sake in your life?
5. Thinking about Church, is there anything that has been difficult for you to give up to the Lord in sacrifice? In other words, is there anything you are tempted to hold on to or keep for your own personal gain or pleasure? This could be a personal preference in the way things are done, it could be an event or a group, it could even be an attitude.
6. As New Heights moves toward weekly bilingual worship, is there anything you are scared to lose or worried about sacrificing? How might giving this thing up to the Lord benefit you, personally? How might it benefit the Church?