

Bible Study: Romans 12:1-2

Reflect

Reflecting on the talk from Romans 12:1-2 – what did God say to you. How were you encouraged, challenged? Was there anything you didn't understand?

Graham's outline:

Transformed people choose gratitude and depend on mercy

Transformed people choose to offer their bodies as living sacrifices

Transformed people choose renewed minds

Transformed people choose to be "transformed non-conformists"

Digging Deeper

Read Romans 11:33-36. How do these verses motivate us to live a transformed life?

John Stott argues that "Verses 1-2 are a Summary of the whole of the Christian life". Rom 12 is a turning point in Paul's argument that moves from theology to application and looks back to the Paul's argument in chapters 1-11. Can you summarize in your own words some of God's truths that are the basis for Paul's "therefore" in verse 1?

Describe what it means to be:

A living sacrifice,

Holy,

Pleasing to God,

True and proper worship

Looking at verse 1 – how would you describe the meaning of worship?

How does this enhance or expand your understanding of worship?

Paul commands believers: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" Why does the mind need to be "renewed" in order to Worship God and know His will?

Read Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:8-10. How do these versus expand on what Paul has been saying in Romans 12.

How will you apply these verses to yourself? What views or actions are you going to make in your own life as a result of studying these verses?