

Talk-It-Over: Week 7

Living The Grace Life

Spend time going over questions and comments from this week's sermon.

Life is an everyday experience.

This sounds like an amusing statement of the obvious. It's interesting because it highlights the everyday mundane, ordinary things of our lives and reminds us that they are part of our lives. Our lives are not just made up of the big, monumental moments, births, deaths and marriages etc.

Romans 12 reminds us to be mindful of God's love in every single moment of life. This mindfulness, added to prayer and meditation on God's word, changes the way we think and this change in thinking transforms our lives. If we understand the world differently, we will experience the world differently. It might be the same world, with the same circumstances, but because we have been renewed in our minds, our experiences are transformed.

When we think about the circumstances of our lives we realise that we are not really in control. But God is love. If we offer every moment of every circumstance to God as a sacrifice he will not let us down. Instead he will be present, powerful and purposeful in guiding our lives in the best way possible.

Read: Romans 12

Questions:

- 1. What were some of the silly kids songs you sung when you were younger?
- 2. So What? What difference does God's love make in your life?
- 3. How do we offer ourselves as 'Living Sacrifices?' What must be sacrificed? What must be lived? (v1)
- 4. In what ways are we tempted to conform to the pattern of the world? What is this pattern? (v2)
- 5. How is it possible to be transformed by the renewing of the mind? (v2)
- 6. What effect does this renewal have on Christians? (v3-8)

7. How do we 'become love' for people? (v9-21)

Prayer Time:

Pray for renewed understanding of God's love.

Pray for continued transformation of our lives into holy, living sacrifices.

Pray for protection against the temptation to drift into the pattern of the world.

Pray for courage to serve according to our renewed understanding.

Further Reading: Romans 13