

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, April 10th 2016

The Gospel in Life | Living Sacrifice (Rm 12:1-2)

1. Travis related a story about his “easy” pop-up tent purchase to how he often wishes the Gospel would work in his life. What are some ways you wish the Gospel would play out “comfortably” and “quickly” in your own experience?
2. Looking at Paul's summary of the Gospel in Romans 3:21-25, what is the essence of the good news?
3. Travis said the Paul switches the focus of Romans to the practical reality of the Gospel in our lives as believers, or, “the Gospel in Reverse.” Generally (not personally yet), what are things that must die in our lives in order for Christ to live in and through us as believers?
4. Can you describe, perhaps using real life examples, what a Gospel-shaped-life looks like?
5. Read Leviticus 6:8-13. In what ways does the burnt offering of the OT resemble our “living sacrifice” offered to God in our daily lives? (The three C's: Complete, Continual, Time Consuming). Travis asked the question, are you investing enough time into your relationship with God?
6. In your experience, how can you tell the fire has gone out in your life? What are ways you try and rekindle it?
7. Paul says the offering of our bodies is the “reasonable” act of worship in light of Jesus' work for us. Christ dies so we can live, we die so Christ can live through us. Where do you struggle to accept the “reasonableness” of this logic?
8. How do we renew our minds to be aware of the patterns of the world and choose the good in our daily lives? Has your discernment grown as a result of Christ's Spirit in your life? How so?