



AUGUST

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to August's Reading Plan! "Set your mind on the Spirit" (Rom 8:6) as you read God's Word & hide it in your heart.

Sunday, Aug 1st | The Righteousness of God "Sacrifice" Romans 12:1-2

Seek to memorize Romans 8:35 this week

- [2] Rom 12:1; 9:15; Eph 2:4-5; 1 Pet 1:3 | What are some aspects of God's mercy from these verses? How has God shown His mercy to you?
- [3] Rom 12:1; Lev 16; Heb 10:1-10; Rom 6:3-4 | What is the purpose of a sacrifice? Compare the sacrifice of animals with the kind of sacrifice Paul is urging Christians to be.
- [4] Rom 12:1 | What are some ways in which people today offer their bodies as living sacrifices? How can you give your body as a living sacrifice?
- [5] Rom 12:2; 1 Jn 2:15-17 | How is the pattern of this world described in the passage in 1 John?
- [6] Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 3:18 | How is a person transformed? What must one do to renew his/her mind?
- [7] Rom 12:1-2 | What are you doing to renew your mind to allow Christ to bring change in your life? What are you doing to help your family members & friends at The Gathering renew their minds?

Sunday, Aug 8th | The Righteousness of God "Sacrifice" Romans 12:3-8

Seek to memorize Romans 8:36 this week

- [9] Rom 12:3-8 | What does it mean to think of oneself with sober judgment? How does the world tell people to think of themselves?
- [10] Rom 12:3 | Is your evaluation of yourself too high or too low? Why?
- [11] Rom 12:4-5; 6:3-11; Eph 2:11-22 | Paul emphasizes in several of his letters that we are united "in Christ." What does that mean?
- [12] Rom 12:4-5; Eph 4:1-6 | How does Paul describe the body of Christ in the verses in Ephesians? What behavior is required of members of the body?
- [13] Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:7,17-21 | Consider the gifts Paul names in the Roman's passage. Which ones are intended for the betterment of the person who has them, & which are given for the good of others?
- [14] Rom 12:6-8 | What is one spiritual gift you either know or suspect you have? How can you use it to benefit others within the body of Christ?

Sunday, Aug 15th | The Righteousness of God "Sacrifice" Romans 12:9-13

Seek to memorize Romans 8:37 this week

- [16] Rom 12:9-13; 5:5 | Paul says our love must be "sincere." What do you think he means? What is the source of our love for others?

- [17] 1 Cor 13:4-7 | How is sincere love described in this passage? Ask God to show you if your love is insincere in any way.
- [18] Rom 12:9; Prov 8:13; 13:5; Eccl 3:8; Isa 61:8; Amos 5:15 | Give an aspect of hate in these references. Why is hating evil important?
- [19] Rom 12:9-13 | What are the different ways of showing love in these verses? Which of these commands is hardest for you to obey? Why?
- [20] Rom 12:10 | What does it mean to "honor one another above yourselves?" Ask God to give you a sincere desire to love & honor someone today.
- [21] Rom 12:13; Jn 13:35; 1 Jn 3:16-24 | Why are the activities in Rom 12:13 crucial for Christians? Ask God to give you opportunities to practice hospitality.

Sunday, Aug 22nd | The Righteousness of God "Sacrifice" Romans 12:14-21

Seek to memorize Romans 8:38 this week

- [23] Rom 12:14; Mt 5:44; Lk 6:27-28 | How does one bless persecutors?
- [24] Rom 12:14-21 | How has someone coming alongside of you helped you in your times of joy or sorrow? Is there someone that you can encourage by coming alongside of them?
- [25] Rom 12:14-16 | How does pride destroy relationships at home? At work? At church?
- [26] Rom 12:14,17,19-21 | Why is it wrong to repay evil with evil? How does doing good to one's enemy overcome evil?
- [27] Gen 50:20; Dt 32:35; 1 Sam 26:10; Psa 94:1; Jer 51:36 | When you are mistreated, what comfort do these verses provide?
- [28] Rom 12:17-21 | When would it be impossible to live at peace with everyone? Think of a personal enemy. How can you do good to this enemy?

Sunday, Aug 29th | Baptism

Seek to memorize Romans 8:39 this week

- [30] Rom 6:3-10; Eph 2:8-9; Col 1:12 | Of what is baptism a symbol or picture? How would you explain what baptism means in your own words?
- [31] Rom 10:9-13 | One aspect of being baptized is publicly showing how God is changing you on the inside. What is one area of your life in which you desire Jesus to bring change?
- [Sept 1] Mt 3:1-12 | Why do you think it took courage for the Jews to be baptized by John the Baptist? What courageous thing have you done in following Jesus? What courageous thing is God asking you to do now?
- [2] Mt 3:13-17 | Why do you think Jesus chose to be baptized?
- [3] Ac 2:36-41 | According to these verses, what did new believers have to do? What then happened?
- [4] Ac 8:26-39 | Why was the Ethiopian so eager to be baptized? What was his response? Who is God prompting you to share the Gospel with this week?