

Judges 6 Homework: Romans 12: 1-2

Goal: Memorize Romans 12: 1-2

Day 1

Reflection Questions

The Greek word for urge or appeal is “parakaleo.” Literally it means to “call alongside.” It can be translated admonish, entreat, exhort, beseech, exhort, encourage, strengthen, console, or instruct. It’s urging someone to take action.

Parakaleo also appears in Romans 12: 8 as a spiritual gift. It’s often translated as the gift of encouragement or exhortation.

Here are the definitions according to Webster.

- **“Exhortation:** to incite by argument or advice: urge strongly; to give warnings or advice: make urgent appeals
- **Encouragement:** to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope: to attempt to persuade

What is the difference between exhortation and encouragement?

How is Parakaleo the same and different from what you would normally think of as encouragement?

Look up the following verses about “Parakaleo”:

- Hebrews 3:13
- Hebrews 10: 25
- Hebrews 13:22
- 2 Corinthians 13:11
- 1 Thessalonians 2: 11
- 1 Thessalonians 5: 11
- 2 Timothy 4:2
- Matthew 5:4
- Titus 1: 9
- Titus 2:15

How did God give Gideon parakaleo?

Describe someone in your life as the gift of parakaleo.

Do you have the gift of parakaleo?

We can always grow in spiritual gifts. How can you grow in this area?

Day 2

Reflection Questions

What is Paul exhorting the Christians or Rome to do?

Mercies means “bowels in which compassion resides; emotions, longing, manifestation of pity.”

How does that impact your view of God’s mercies?

How does our view of God affect our view of sacrifice?

What is a living sacrifice?

In what ways can you be a living sacrifice to God?

If we aren’t offering ourselves to God, who are we offering sacrifice to? See Romans 6: 12-14, 16.

How much of us does God want? Romans 6: 13

What are the outcomes of the two different sacrifices? See Romans 6: 19.

What is the outcome of our sacrifices? See 1 Peter 2: 4-5.

Yet, can the building do without our sacrifices?

Which sacrifice is necessary for the temple of the Spirit? See 1 Peter 2: 4-9.

How are our sacrifices and Christ’s sacrifices similar? See Ephesians 5: 1.

Read Leviticus 1. It only describes one of the many offering that the Israelites had to make. How strict were the rules to be holy and pleasing?

How do you think that part of God’s nature impacts our giving our bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing?

What other sacrifices can we give? See Hebrews 13: 15-16.

So going back to Day 1, what is Paul exhorting encouraging them to do?

How was Gideon acting as a living sacrifice?

Day 3

Reflection Questions

What does it mean to conform?

What is the danger of conforming? See Judges 2: 11-13.

What does the word holy mean? (The Hebrew is kadosh. Look it up if you need to.)

Why does God want us to be holy? See 1 Peter 2:9 and 1 Peter 1: 14-16.

What's happens the more we conform even if we think we are doing it wisely? See 1 Kings 11:1-9.

What areas in your life are you conforming to the pattern of the world?

Instead what does Romans 12: 2 tell us what we should do instead?

How was Zacchaeus transformed by Jesus in Luke 19: 1-8?

How was Gideon transformed?

How was Paul transformed by Jesus? See Acts 9: 1-18.

Are you living in a way that's obvious that you've been transformed by Jesus?

How do we become transformed according to Romans 12: 2?

How does our mind become renewed? See Romans 8: 5-9.

What is a practical way that we can do that? See Ephesians 4: 23-24.

According to Romans 12: 2, what can we do when we have the mind of Christ?

How does that impact your decision making?

Should you have peace in finding God's will if you are following him? See Proverbs 16:9 and Psalm 37: 23.

How does 1 Corinthians 2: 15-16 support that?