**R12**

**Introduction Session**

Welcome (Brandon)

Centering (Brandon) “Romans 12:1-2”

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)

Prayer ()

Introductions (Brandon) – From Handout

Why Romans 12? (Brandon) “Authentic Leadership”

*“To be a good* leader we must become a good follower.”

* God’s desire is for all of us to be a good leader (one on six, one on one) Joshua was a great leader, but before he became a great leader, he was a great follower (moses). This group with this study will help us develop into a good leader.
* What are some things you know about Romans? What have you experienced in Romans
* R12 rivals r-8
* R-12 is the Magna Carta of Christianity.
  + Magna Carta birthed a country, we are birthing a movement on r-12
  + Barna Study, 1 out of 10 Christians actually LIVE like Christians
  + Our goal is get them to live like Christians
  + But “Christian” has lost its meaning. Technically, it means “little Christ,” now it is more political
  + R-12 shows us how to live like Christians, Christians making other Christians.
  + R-12 is the synopsis of what we are to do/be.
  + We know we are saved FROM something, but also TO something. R-12 gets at what we are saved TO DO.
  + In short, R-12 teaches us what it is we are supposed to be doing based on the freedom given to us.

OVERVIEW of Romans (Brandon) “Therefore, in view of God’s mercy”

* R-12 is the greatest chapter of the greatest work of Paul.
* 11 chapters of painting a beautiful picture of how good God’s love and mercy has been to us, then we are hit with Chapter 12…key hinge word, “Therefore.”

Romans 1-2 Sinfulness of mankind

Romans 3-7 Forgiveness of sin through Christ

Romans 8 Freedom from Sin’s grasp (R-8) No longer live under the penalty of sin, or the power of sin, but we do live under the presence of sin (see r-7—The thing I don’t want to do, I do…he wrote with R-8 in mind b/c of “Therefore”….therefore, there is now no condemnation…\_)

Romans 9-11 Israel’s past, present & future History lesson on Israel, why? It’s all about the God of Israel!

Romans 12 Therefore

* Rest of r-12 forward….”In view of God’s mercy…”
* Rearview mirror/Windshield
  + - Rearview (small, but important)—look at how God has been good to us,
    - Windshield (large for a reason)—now, here’s how to live what we are to do…”be a living sacrifice”

(if time)Five Pillars of Romans 12 (Executive Summary of r12) (21 verses)

Surrendered to God (v.1) Abraham

When you think of Abraham, what areas of surrender come to mind?

Give examples of surrender

Reasons to surrender (completely defeated (General Lee)/completely loved (marriage))

Separate from the World (v.2) Daniel

How did Daniel separate himself from the world?

Who do you think about “separate from the world” modern day Daniels?

Sober Self-Assessment (v. 3-8) Moses

When you think of the word “sober” what does that word mean to you?

Why didn’t Moses enter the promised land? Struck the rock.

Can you truly self-assess? We need others to help. This group speaks into our lives, shows us our blind spots

Serving in Love (v.9-13) Jonathan

How is a Jonathan a servant (fit this scripture)? Friendship with David.

What was Jonathan’s motivation? Love

Supernaturally responding to Evil with Good (v.14-21) Joseph

Respond vs. React: What is a natural response to evil?

It is not natural to “turn the other cheek.” Respond requires supernatural involvement.

Circle respond, write reacting. What is the difference? Is respond what a disciple does? We want to lessen our reaction and increase our response. Less emotional, less self-preserving

Next Week: Read Romans 1-11.

Closing: Read 12:1-2, pray.