

Bible Study for August 17-23

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: Romans 12:1-8

Notes:

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not to be moulded by the times we live in, but we are to be transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers a variety of forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry are to be used to build up the body of Christ.

Questions to Ponder:

As a teen, how did peer pressure affect: the way you dressed, where you went, or how you acted?

In what ways does the world pressure you to act today? What standards are you trying to achieve that are dictated by our society?

Consider for a moment in what ways the world squeezes you into its mould. Are you a rebel or a conformist?

From verses 6-8 Paul speaks of how we all have certain gifts? Have you figured out what your gift (or talent) might be? Are Paul's examples helpful to you?

How can you present yourself as a living sacrifice in everyday life? How does this relate to using your gifts?

If you have gifts or talents that you aren't using, what holds you back from using them?