

Battalion SQUAD Meeting:

September 16, 2013

Principle: The Call to Godly Living

Bible Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Overview: In the first 11 chapters of Romans, Paul writes about salvation, victorious Christian living, and the Lord's ultimate plan for Israel. In our key passage, Romans 12:1-2, the apostle essentially says that because of the rich mercies of the Lord towards us—described in the earlier chapters—each believer should answer the Father's call to live a godly life.

Ask the squad the following questions:

1. In the Old Testament when we think about sacrifices we often think about animals sacrificed at an altar. Does sacrifice always mean something will lose its life? If not give some examples of sacrifice:
2. The Apostle Paul (who wrote Romans) encourages us to be “living” sacrifices to God. So, what do you think that means to us as believers – give some examples? (hint: Paul doesn't just mean the physical body; he means a person's entire being. In other words, your mind, your will, and your emotions should be surrendered to God.)

3. If God calls us to godly living, why is it a sacrifice? (hint: We still must make the choice to surrender control to Him. That's why Paul refers to it as a "sacrifice." We still have a selfish nature to do our own thing)

4. Why is Paul warning us against "conforming to this world"? What does conforming to this world mean? (hint: don't let the world shape your value system and determine your priorities. Conforming is another word for shaping – think of someone shaping clay into a pot)

5. What then does "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" mean? (hint: First, *fill your mind with the Word of God*. It is through the Bible that we learn God's perspective. Second, *focus on positive, righteous, and holy things* (Col. 3:3; Phil. 4:8). This should include choosing friends and entertainment wisely. Third, *apply Biblical truth to your heart*.)