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STUDY GUIDE

Romans 12: 1-2

Observation Questions

1. What picture does Paul use for our worship in Romans 12:1, and what practical behaviors flow from that image? [24:31]
2. What does the passage say about how believers should relate to the patterns of this world? [24:31]
3. What differences are described between giving as a transaction and giving as a sacrifice? Give one concrete example the speaker used to illustrate each. [17:03]
4. Which specific acts did the speaker name as “small, inconvenient yeses” that train a heart to give? [30:05]

Interpretation Questions

1. How does presenting one’s body “as a living sacrifice” change the meaning of worship from a one-time act to daily posture? What tensions arise from calling something both “living” and a “sacrifice”? [26:19]
2. In what way does refusing to “be conformed to this world” re-order someone’s priorities about time, money, and presence? How might that re-ordering affect decisions about ordinary weekday choices? [24:31]
3. If generosity is both a gift and a muscle, how should a community balance honoring natural givers while encouraging those who must grow in generosity through practice? [30:05]
4. What does Mary’s act of pouring costly perfume on Jesus’ feet teach about how worth is assessed in worship? How does that contrast with evaluating a gift by its cost? [39:38]

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Application Questions

1. The call to present your body as a living sacrifice means choosing to stay on the altar when surrender gets uncomfortable. What is one area in your schedule or plans where you feel tempted to “crawl off the altar,” and what is one concrete step you can take this week to remain surrendered there? [26:19]
2. The Bible asks for a posture before an amount. Where do you default to measuring generosity by cost rather than by heart posture? Name one resource (time, money, skill, possession) you can offer in the next 7 days and how you will do it. [27:15]
3. Generosity grows with practice. What is one small, inconvenient yes you can commit to this month (for example: stop for someone on the road, help a busy parent, show up early to serve), and how will you make it happen? [30:05]
4. Real love gives and each act of generosity can plant purpose. Who in your life or neighborhood could receive a practical, sacrificial gift from you that might open a door for long-term change? Describe the gift and one next step you will take. [37:04]
5. Mary measured Jesus’ worth, not the cost of her gift. What is one long-held possession, plan, or comfort you are holding tightly that you sense might be an idol, and what is one practical way you could begin to release it as an act of worship? [39:38]
6. Transactional giving keeps score; sacrificial giving expects nothing in return. Is there a recent example where you gave and quietly expected repayment, approval, or recognition? How would you repent of that posture and what new habit will you try to give without expectation? [17:03]