

2021 The Year of Transformation

Scripture verse for 2021:

Isaiah 28:16 (NLT)

“Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken.”

Life Group : Intercessory prayer focus

Intercede for each other, the church, the country and the world.

The message of the Holy Spirit is very clear. Be on your guard! Keep your eyes open. Watch lest you be led astray. Be ready to contend for the faith. Let us contend for the faith, stand for the truth, keep serving, pray for each other, walk in obedience, and let's build God's Kingdom.

Sunday's sermon: Love Reigns Over Our Present.

Romans 12:1-2 and Romans 12:9-13.

What was your take home moment from Sunday's service?

In Romans 12:1 the word translated “spiritual” act of worship can also be translated “rational” or “logical” act of worship. Or as the Contemporary English Version puts it, this is “the most sensible way to serve God.”

What is the point Paul is trying to get across regarding the motive and design of a believer's worship of God? Do you ever obey God out of fear? What would change if you obeyed him out of gratitude and a desire to please Him?

The concept of sacrifice is rich with imagery and history for the audience that Paul is speaking to. It involved death and it offered life. This is why Jesus' death is considered the ultimate sacrifice for all humanity.

What does Paul mean by “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice?” What do you think the significance of this is? (See also Romans 6:13-16, 1 Peter 1:14, 1 John 2:15). What is the difference between a dead sacrifice and a living sacrifice?

What are the “patterns” of the world and what should be the “patterns” of the believer?

Paul commands believers: “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” Why does the mind need to be

“renewed”? (See Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Ephesians 4:22-24). How will you apply these verses to yourself? What views or actions are you going to make in your own life as a result of studying these verses?