

**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) Paul appeals to our commitment level “by the mercies of God.” What are these mercies? In what ways have you experienced the mercy of God?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Paul speaks of both our bodies and our minds in this passage. Can you identify ways that your thinking impacts your choices?

b) Can you see any ways that you are conforming to the world? What about ways that you are being transformed by God?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) “Transformed” is a process word. Why is it so important to see our growth in Christ as being a slow, ongoing process? Are you committed to this process of Christ likeness?

b) Is your transformation rooted in the mercies of God in Christ, or in your own efforts to “please God” or “pay God back”? Why is it necessary to remember the gospel (Christ’s commitment to us) BEFORE we see greater commitment to Christ.

**APPLICATION**

a) What would being a living sacrifice for God look like for you this week – share a specific application regarding time, money, gathering, unity, etc.

**FIGHTER VERSES: Ephesians 3:14-21.**

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his mercies in Christ.
- Confess ways that you conformed to the world.
- Thank Jesus for his sacrifice and commitment to you – especially the cross.
- Ask God to help you present your body to him as a living sacrifice.