

FAITH AT HOME

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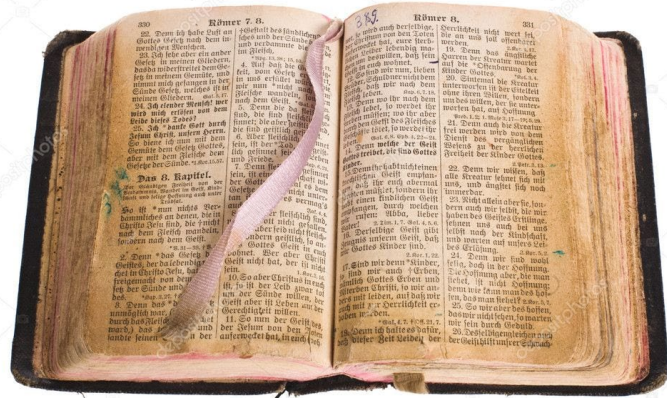
Passage: Luke 4:16-19

Word Study

Our passage last week talks about giving ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God (Romans 12:1-2). In our day and age the concept of sacrifice is a bit different than how people living in Paul’s time would have thought of sacrifice. Take a look, on your own or with your group, at some other passages discussing the idea of sacrifice. Create a definition of sacrifice based on your reading and discussion. Discuss the purpose that sacrifice filled in the Old Testament. Talk about what it means for us today to be “living sacrifices”.

You may use your study Bible or other resources. If you are not sure where to start, here are some passages to get you going:

- I Samuel 16:5
- Leviticus 19:5
- Hebrews 9:23
- Hebrews 11:17
- Hebrews 10:14
- Exodus 22:20
- Exodus 34:25
- Deuteronomy 12:13
- Psalms 4:5
- Psalms 20:3
- Psalms 50:5
- Hosea 6:6



Look at our passage this week (Luke 4:16-19) and discuss how carrying on Jesus’ mission to set free the oppressed might relate to the idea of offering ourselves as living sacrifices.

Compare and Contrast

Romans 12:2 tells us, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world”. Discuss with your group or contemplate on your own the idea of the “pattern of this world”. What are some ways we might describe the “pattern of this world”?

Spend some time discussing Luke 4:16-19, noting how it looks to live a life transformed by the Spirit and carrying on the work of Jesus.

Create a list comparing what living in conformity with the pattern of this world looks like vs. living a life transformed by the Spirit.

For example:

Living According to the Pattern of this World:	Living a Life Transformed by the Spirit:
Looking out for ourselves first	Caring for the oppressed

Activity



In a group, or as a family, gather a mason jar or a water/pop bottle (something that is clear can be secured with a lid), cooking oil, a chosen color of food coloring, and water. Pour the water in the jar and tint it with the food coloring. Explain that the water represents “the world”. Pour in the cooking oil and seal the jar or bottle. Explain that the oil represents us. Believers who have been transformed. Allow one or all members of the group to shake the jar as much as they like mixing the water and oil together. Set the jar down and watch the water and oil separate. Discuss this as it relates to our passage. Becoming a “living sacrifice” sets us apart for God and we will not blend into the pattern the world sets for us. Discuss what that may mean in our daily lives, for example, it might mean choosing to be kind when someone is not kind to us.