

SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: February 23, 2003

ROCK East: We will be meeting this **Tuesday**, **February 25** at San Diego First Assembly, 8404Phyllis Pl. in the Chapel at 7:00. Facilitators, Hosts, Apprentices, and future leaders welcome!

ROCK North: Calling all leaders - our "Final Friday" leadership meeting is this Friday, February 28!

ROCK West: Our next leadership gathering will be Monday, March 17 at the OB Woman's Club, 7:00

ROCK South: Mark your calendar! If you are an Apprentice, Host, or Facilitator we will be expecting you to join us on **Saturday**, **March 22** for an informational meeting (Location TBA). We want you to come ready to learn, grow, and share your needs with our leadership team.

Title: Knowing Gods Will Part II

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of god.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

- 1. In **Romans 12**, we are commanded to present our bodies as a living sacrifice (**1 Cor. 9:24-27**, **Num 19:2-3**, **Lev 22:21-25**), holy and acceptable to God (**1 Peter 1:16-17**), which is our reasonable service. Discuss what the word reasonable implies in this verse. Is this something we are to someday hope to achieve, or is this something that we should all be able to do?
- Romans 12 also talks about being transformed by the renewing of your mind (Rom 12:1-2, John 14:15-18). What is the transformation that is purposed here? Why is this important for this process? The next step is renewing your mind (Proverbs 23:7). What is this? Why is this step also important?
- 3. **Romans 6:13** talks about our presenting our members as instruments of righteousness to God. Our members refer to the parts of our bodies, such as our hands, eyes, minds, etc. Is this true of your life today? Are you doing anything that may be subjecting the members of your body to unrighteousness? Discuss these things with your accountability partner and have them hold you accountable to submit these areas to The Lord.
- Miles discussed 6 ways that we can present our bodies as a living sacrifice in the sermon notes. Go over each one of them, and read the scriptures (Job 31:1, 1 Tim 2:8, Heb 12:1, Phil 4:6-8, Eph 4:29, Ezek 11:19). Are any of these areas something that you need to work on today?

CLOSER WALK (John)

- Concerning the resurrection of the dead and their judgment (Acts 24:15), what is the judgment seat called? What will be the basis of the judgment for those who are outside of Jesus (Revelation 20:11-15)? How does this judgment differ from those that are in Christ? (2 Corinthians 5:10, 2 Tim 2:20-21) The 'Bema' (Greek) seat was for the giving of rewards to the believers for service given to Jesus after salvation. What service have you given to Jesus for judgment?
- 2. When Paul witnessed, what was central and consistent in his message? (See Acts 24:15, Acts 26:8, Acts 9:22, Acts 17:32, and Romans 3:1-4,16. Are you keeping your witness simple and on target?
- 3. Bonus: When was surfing first mentioned in the Bible? (Acts 27:44)

HOMEWORK

As church, we are seeking **100% involvement** with Billy Graham's Mission San Diego. Pray, and then decide which training dates your Group will attend!

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11