

My Heart, Christ's Home | making room

The Library

Romans 12:1-2

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Introduction: The Bible tells us Jesus wants to make his home in your life. He knocks on the door (Revelations 3:20). He moves his stuff in (John 14:23). And before you know it, the guest becomes the host, and our lives are transformed (Ephesians 3:16-17). In 1954 - just a few years before he became pastor at University Presbyterian Church - Robert Boyd Munger preached a sermon called, "My Heart, Christ's Home." The sermon became a little book that sold over 10 million copies and helped countless people make a home for Jesus in the many everyday rooms in which they live their own lives - the library, the dining room, the workroom... Is Jesus at home in your heart? How would you offer a king hospitality? Didn't there used to be a toaster there? And what will he change next?

Note from the study guide team: After this guide was submitted, the preaching pastor changed the text to Philippians 4:4-9. The sermon will also reference the Romans text upon which this study guide is based and the themes being addressed by the two passages are similar.

Review: Thoughts on the series Godspeed, and George's final sermon, remembering the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Read: Romans 12:1-2

Prayer: Father, we ask for your help in this transition time, knowing that Christ is in our hearts. Amen.

Discussion:

1. What is Paul relying on in this text? Explain.
2. How do you connect your bodies (physical) as living sacrifices to spiritual acts of worship? (See Romans 6:13, 1 Peter 2:15)
3. What is Paul's warning? What is meant by conforming?
4. What is Paul's remedy? How does renewing our mind produce transformation? Explain.
5. What is the result of this transformation? How do we "test" and "approve" God's will, his good, pleasing and perfect will?

Application: This week remember the importance of your mind in understanding the will of God.

Prayer: Father, we thank you for this view of being a living sacrifice. Amen