



## **“Rhythm of Life | Faithful Living” November 20**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What aspects of your current daily and weekly lifestyle are you really committed to? Why?
2. Read Romans 12:1-2. What about these sentences would have been surprising to its original hearers? Which parts are surprising to you and why?
3. Jenny said that the Greek for “living sacrifice” could also be translated as “living killing”. What parts of our lives (both mental and physical) do you think the apostle Paul is urging us to “kill” in order that we might live?
4. The 5th rhythm in our Rhythm of Life is about “Faithful Living: taking the teaching and example of Jesus into all areas of our lives and honestly sharing about our faith.” Jenny said that this rhythm is about applying the truth of the gospel to all areas of our lives. If the gospel can be summed up as “We need God far more than we care to admit – sin is a problem, and we are more loved by God than we could ever imagine”, take that truth and discuss how you would apply that to spending your discretionary money during this Advent season. What areas of your life do you think you will find it hardest to apply the truth of the gospel to? Why?
5. Name a friend or work colleague that you plan to invite to one of our upcoming Advent and Christmas services. Take time now to pray for them.



## Romans 12:1-13

### A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### Humble Service in the Body of Christ

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

### Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.