

Romans 12:1-8
International Bible Lesson Study Hints
for Discussion and Thinking Further

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the *International Bible Lesson Study Guide*, which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. As Christians, what and how should we sacrifice to God?

Our worship of God is spiritual; therefore, we should present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God in a way that is holy and acceptable to God.

2. As Christians, how can we be transformed?

By refusing to conform to the world and by renewing our minds we can be transformed. We renew our minds with the Holy Spirit's help as we prayerfully read and study the Bible. God transforms as we test how to apply the Bible's teaching to our lives and work as we pray and study God's Word. God transforms us through His tests that show us how we are doing and where we need to improve and trust more in God as we seek to understand and apply the Bible's teachings (and Jesus' commands). Through testing, we will learn the will of God, which is always good and acceptable and perfect.

3. What would happen if everyone in the Church had the same function?

If everyone had the same function, we would all be hands, or feet, or ears or some other part of the Body of Christ and the full work of the Church would not be done. If we were all ears and only ears, we would not be able to do what we hear from God to do.

4. How should Christians think about themselves?

With humility, not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think. "but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned."

5. In the Church, why do members have different gifts?

God gives each Christian the gifts He chooses for them to receive and use for His glory and to bless others inside and outside the Church. A variety of gifts are needed in the Church, and God gives the Church a variety of gifts through different people to achieve His purposes in and through the Church.

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