

Living Sacrifices: The Sacrifice of Church
Romans 12 and 1 Peter 2
October 2, 2016

1. Have you ever felt like it was a struggle to get to church on Sunday? Why do you suppose the enemy tries everything he can to prevent us from attending church service?
2. Why would it be much easier to jump from church to church, never becoming involved in the life or community of one church?
3. Pastor Jim talked about three reasons it is a sacrifice to participate in a church community. The first reason he gave was submission. Have you ever felt like you wanted the church to do things your way? What are some ways that you can practice submission within the local church? How can you practice submission within the ministries you are specifically involved in?
4. The second reason it is a sacrifice to participate in a church is the actual people themselves. We are connected to each other whether we like it or not. What are some things that can go wrong within a church community? What are some virtues we should practice within our church community to promote unity and peace (See Colossians 3:12-14)?
5. The third area of sacrifice is that of worship. We don't have the luxury of only choosing to participate in the elements of worship that best suit us. What are the benefits of participating in *all* of the worship service rather than only the elements we like? When we do encounter certain parts of the worship that we don't like, what should our attitude be?
6. When you commit to a church and let God build his house, you are offering him a spiritual sacrifice that he is pleased with. Take time to pray with your group. Thank God for the leaders and pastors he has given you, the people he has connected you with and the opportunity to weekly sing praises to him in our worship services!