

Discussion Questions for sermon given on 2/21/2016

Sermon Title: **How to be a Better Lover**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:5. Who was Paul commending in this verse? For what was he commending them? What did these people do prior to giving their gift?
2. Read Romans 12:1-2. How does offering yourself to God as a living sacrifice relate to the passage in 2 Corinthians 8?
3. What does it mean to offer yourself to God as a living sacrifice? What indicators would there be in a person's life who has done this?
4. Is this "offering" we give to God a one-time thing? Explain.
5. How would offering yourself as a living sacrifice to God make you a "better lover" of other people?
6. What indications are there later in Romans chapter 12 that loving others would be an overflow of a person who has given themselves wholly to God?
7. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What do these verses say about love and being committed to fellowship with other Christ followers?
8. If you have time, look up some of the verses below that speak about "one another" ministry. After reading a particular verse, discuss what it says about how that particular "one another" ministry would make you a "better lover" of others?

Romans 15:7

1 Corinthians 12:25

1 Peter 4:10

1 Thessalonians 5:15

Ephesians 4:32

Hebrews 3:13

Colossians 3:16

Ephesians 5:19

Romans 15:5

2 Corinthians 13:11

Romans 15:14

Romans 12:10

Colossians 3:13

James 5:16

1 Peter 4:9

9. What is one personal application you will make from this sermon / study?