



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

Wholly Holy

Preached by Pete Grieg

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Summary

Have someone in your group read the following summary aloud.

Pastor Pete Greig preached from Romans 12:1-2, exploring what the Apostle Paul calls "true and proper worship." He explained that genuine worship is not limited to singing songs on Sunday but involves offering our entire lives to God as a living sacrifice. Drawing on the Old Testament distinction between the chatta (sin offering) and the olah (burnt offering), Pete illustrates how our voluntary, daily surrender to God is the proper response to what Christ accomplished for us on the cross.

Key Passages

- Romans 12:1-2
- John 3:16
- Proverbs 11:25

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with open hearts and willing spirits. Thank You for gathering us together as a community of believers who desire to know You more deeply. As we discuss what it means to offer our whole lives to You as a living sacrifice, we ask that You would quiet our minds and soften our hearts. Holy Spirit, lead our conversation today. Show each of us the areas where You are calling us to greater surrender, and give us the courage to respond. May everything we share today draw us closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

Getting Going

Allow time for each member to answer the following questions before moving on.

What is one hobby or activity that you genuinely enjoy doing, and have you ever thought about how it could connect to your faith?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of these questions as time and interest allow.

1. Romans 12:1-2 describes offering our bodies as a 'living sacrifice' as our true and proper worship. What does that phrase mean to you personally, and how does it challenge your current understanding of worship?

2. Pastor Pete described the difference between the chatta (sin offering) and the olah (burnt offering). How does understanding that our daily surrender is a voluntary, loving response to what Christ did for us change the way you approach your walk with God?
3. Pastor Pete said, 'The problem with a living sacrifice is it keeps jumping off the altar.' Can you relate to that? What pulls you away from full surrender to God, and what brings you back?
4. Pastor Pete used the image of marriage to illustrate how love moves from an emotional beginning to a daily, disciplined commitment. How does that help you understand how to grow in your relationship with God over time?
5. Pastor Pete encouraged building 'holy habits' such as daily Bible reading, prayer, and repentance to sustain our commitment to God. What habits have helped you stay close to God, and are there any new ones you feel prompted to start?
6. Pastor Pete said, 'Your workstation is your worship station.' How does viewing your everyday work, chores, and responsibilities as acts of worship change the way you approach them?
7. Pastor Pete spoke to three groups: those being baptized, those remembering their baptism, and those who have never been baptized. Which group do you identify with, and what did the message stir in you?
8. Pastor Pete said, 'The safest thing you can possibly do in life is to say yes to the God who knows you best and loves you most.' Is there an area of

your life where God is asking for a yes, and what is making it difficult to give that answer?

Making It Personal

Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life.

This week, choose one specific area of your life (your work, your finances, a relationship, or your daily schedule) and intentionally offer it to God as an act of worship. Set aside 5-10 minutes each day to pray over that area, read a short passage of Scripture, and tell God that your answer is yes to whatever He asks of you. At your next group meeting, be ready to share what you noticed when you approached that part of your life as an offering to Him rather than something you manage on your own.

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before dismissing.

- True and proper worship, as Paul defines it in Romans 12:1-2, is not limited to singing songs on Sunday. It is the daily, voluntary offering of our whole lives to God in response to His grace.
- Just as the olah (burnt offering) in the Old Testament was a voluntary act of devotion, our surrender to God is meant to be a loving, freely chosen response to the chatta sacrifice Christ made for us on the cross.

- A living sacrifice requires daily renewal. Like a marriage that grows through consistent, intentional commitment, our relationship with God deepens through holy habits such as prayer, Scripture reading, and repentance.
- Whole-life worship means seeing every part of our daily existence, including our work, our homes, and our relationships, as an opportunity to honor God and express our love for Him.
- Saying yes to God is the safest and most adventurous decision a person can make. Whether through baptism or a renewed daily commitment, surrendering to the God who knows us best and loves us most opens the door to a life of purpose and kingdom impact.

Closing Prayer

Have someone from your group close your time in prayer, using the words below or your own.

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the truth we have explored together today. Thank You that You did not ask us to earn Your love but that You freely gave Yourself for us so that we could freely give ourselves back to You. As we leave this time together, we ask that You would make each of us more aware of the moments throughout our week when we can offer our lives to You as an act of worship. Where we have been holding back, give us the courage to surrender. Where we have grown weary, renew our strength and our love for You. May the holy habits we build and the daily choices we make reflect hearts that are truly Yours. We pray this together in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**