

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of January 18, 2015

Romans 12:1-3

NRSV (New Revised Standard Version)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

CEB (Common English Bible)

So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service.² Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

³ Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you.

In addition to our scripture, please read

Exodus 2:1-10; Exodus 15:20-21; Numbers 12; and Numbers 20:1-2

Connection Questions:

1. How was Miriam responsible for the survival of her younger brother Moses?

2. What characteristics did Miriam need to carry out this plan?

3. What was Miriam's role with the Hebrew women? How did she help them express their gratitude to God?

4. Miriam and Aaron were both popular leaders, but they were bound by the Law represented by Moses. What happened when Miriam questioned Moses' authority?

5. Despite Miriam's illness, she continued to search with Moses for the Promised Land. Why do you think she did this?

6. Miriam died in a waterless place in the wilderness. What did God cause to appear afterward? Where?

7. How did water, the symbol of life, play such a large part in Miriam's life?

8. Miriam showed various qualities of service and leadership. What are they? With which ones do you identify?