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2. Verse 1 says, “...by the mercies of God, present your bodies a living sacrifice...” What does it mean to offer your body as a living sacrifice? Discuss whether God’s mercy is the *motivation* for such an action, or the *means* to do it.
3. What does this sacrifice look like on a daily basis?
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5. The offering of our entire being to God is referred to as our “spiritual worship” (v.1). Does this imply that there is also a “physical worship?” What might be the difference between the two expressions?
6. What are ways in which the *world* attempts to mold you into its own image? Where do you struggle the most in this regard?
7. According to verse 2, what is the alternative to being conformed to the world? Consider the results when a Christian attempts to live based on:
 - 1) how he/she *feels*
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Which of these describes you most of the time?

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