

This weekend we begin a new sermon series; ***A Life That Counts***. This Sunday's sermon will help us discover ***The Stewardship of Life*** through **Romans 11:33-12:2**.

1. Spend some time reflecting on how you are investing your life; in school, your career, hobbies, sports, family, friends, and church? Now reflect on what you are investing in your life. How are you creating the life you always wanted?

2. **Read and reflect on Romans 11:33-36**. Sit and reflect with this passage for about 10 minutes.
 - What does this passage reveal to you about the nature and character of God?

Reread Romans 11:33-36 aloud, listening carefully to each word.

 - How does **verse 36** say we are to respond to God?

 - How do you show Him the Glory?

3. What do the following passages in affirmation of **Romans 11:33-36**?
 - **1 Corinthians 8:6**
 - **Colossians 1:16**
 - **Hebrews 2:10**
 - **Job 5:8-9**

4. Read the following passages. Keep yourself open to what they might reveal to you about *glory* and who should receive it and why.
 - **Romans 16: 27**
 - **Ephesians 3:21**
 - **Philippians 4:20**
 - **2 Timothy 4:18**
 - **1 Peter 4:11**
 - **2 Peter 3:18**
 - **Jude 24-25**
 - **Revelations 1:6?**How do you show Him Glory?

5. **Read and reflect on Romans 12:1-2**. Sit and reflect with this passage for about 10 minutes. **Reread it again** aloud, listening carefully to each word.
 - How does **Romans 11:33-36** influence how we are to respond to God?

 - After your reflections, how would you describe a *living sacrifice*?

 - What does it mean to you to offer your body, yourself as a *living sacrifice*?

 - Why would God care about your body?

6. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**. Paul talks about having a *thorn in the flesh*, some ailment or condition that he felt held him back in some way.
 - What does it mean to offer your flawed body/self to God as a living sacrifice?

7. **In Romans 12:2** Paul speaks of being transformed by the renewing of *your mind*.
 - How can you renew your mind?

 - What in your mind needs renewing?

8. Dictionary.com defines a steward as “a *person who manages another's property or financial affairs*”.
 - After reflection how can you recognize yourself as a steward of your life?

 - Share with your group members what this means to you. What has God shown you about your stewardship of your life and the lives around you?

Spend time praying together about how you can help each other be accountable for your stewardship responsibilities as a child of Abba.