Reasonable Service

We've heard all about Paul's good news now. He has laid it out and explained it in great detail. But He's not done at that: there's still the "So what?" We have yet to learn how knowing what we now know ought to affect the way we live and that's what the remaining chapters of Paul's letter are about. Before he get's down to the detail, in Romans 12:1 – 2 Paul gives us the general idea.

- What does the word beseech (other translations say urge, exhort or encourage) tell us about the attitude with which Paul writes these chapters?

- What is the significance of the phrase, "the mercies of God"?

- Paul uses the language of sacrifice to describe the presentation of our bodies to God. What does that suggest to you?

- What does Paul mean when he says present “your body”?

- Why does Paul say the presentation of your body should be a “living” sacrifice?

- What do the words, “holy, acceptable to God,” add to what Paul is saying?

- The word translated reasonable is the Greek word *logikos*. What does it say about the presentation of our bodies to God?

- Why does Paul call the presentation of our bodies to God worship?