

WEEK 6

Pillar #2 - Worship

Paul's letter to the Romans shifts gears in chapter twelve. After eleven chapters of rich theological teaching, this chapter calls us to action, urging us to apply these truths to our daily lives. What would it look like to live a life of worship, not just on Sundays in our services, but on every day of the week? How would this impact our interactions with other believers, leaders, within our homes, and even outside the church? The answer is nothing short of remarkable!

THE SCRIPTURE

ROMANS 12:1-3

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, 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 renewal of your mind, that by testing 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 himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, CORPORATELY IN THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT AND INDIVIDUALLY IN A MANNER THAT IS PLEASING TO THE LORD.

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: WEEK 6

OPENING QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some of your daily habits or routines that would mess up your day if you missed or forgot?
- 2. What is your favorite worship song? Why? What is the first worship song you remember singing?

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- 3. Read Exodus 20:1-5. How do the first two commandments relate to our worship of God? Why do you think God is so concerned that we worship correctly?
- 4. Read Romans 1:25. At the very beginning of Romans, Paul emphasizes the importance of worship. He points out that our hearts are naturally drawn to worship something, and if we don't worship God, we will find something else to worship instead. What are some "false gods" that many people worship today?

5. Paul tells us in Romans 12:1 that our worship is the result of God's work for us in granting us mercies. Look back at the following passages in Romans and jot down a summary of some of these mercies.

Romans	Mercy from God Given
3:24	
4:5	
4:4:7-8	
5:1-2	
8:1	
8:15-18	
8:28	
8:38-39	

- 6. God calls us to serve Him motivated out of love and thankfulness for His mercies. See also 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. What are some wrong motives people can have to serve God?
- 7. Using the opening phrase provided, rewrite verse 1 in one sentence using language that is meaningful to you.

Because of all that God has done for me...

8. Why is **sacrifice** such a great word to use when we discuss the topic of worship? See also Romans 6:13-16, 1 Peter 1:14, 1 John 2:15.

- 9. What does Paul mean in verse 2 when he warns us to not be conformed to this world? Why should we not be like the world? Can you think of a way the world is currently pressing upon you and squeezing you into its mold.
- 10. What is the difference between being conformed and being transformed? Can you think of an illustration that might help a child better understand the difference?
- 11. Why is a renewed mind so important for authentic worship? How can the following elements in a typical worship service help us to renew our minds:
 - Singing
 - Prayer
 - Sermon
 - Announcements
- 12. Aside from the weekly worship service, what can do in our lives that serves to renew our minds in the same way?