

Worship: It's More Than You Think

Part 1

Key Scriptures: Romans 12:1-2; Romans 12:6-8

- 1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.**
 - If you had to write a Yelp review for one of the miracles in the Bible, which one would it be, and what would your 5-star (or 1-star!) review say?
 - If you had to follow the trail of your time, energy, and thoughts this past week, what would it reveal about what you value most?

- 2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.**
 - **Read Romans 12:1.** What does it mean to offer your body as a living sacrifice? How does that challenge our daily choices and actions?
 - **Consider the trail of time, money, and thoughts.** What does Paul's message reveal about the idea of worship being more than a Sunday event? How should this impact our everyday lives?
 - **Reflect on the concept of true and proper worship.** What do you think Paul means by "true" versus "false" worship? How does our culture influence our understanding of what is (or isn't) valuable?
 - **Read Romans 12:2.** What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? Why is it necessary to renew our minds regularly, and how does this relate to our worship of God?
 - **Examine God's will described as good, pleasing, and perfect.** How can trusting in God's will transform how you handle disappointments or unmet expectations in life?

- 3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.**
 - Have you ever found yourself spending your time and energy on something that ultimately left you feeling empty or disappointed? How did that experience shape your perspective on what is truly worth your devotion?
 - What practical steps do you take to prevent yourself from conforming to the patterns of this world? Can you share a success or struggle in this area?
 - How has God's mercy impacted your life personally? What sacrifices have you made—or feel called to make—in response to understanding God's mercy?
 - In what ways do you struggle to trust that God's will is good, pleasing, and perfect? How can this community group support you to better understand and accept God's will?

- 4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.**
 - Pray for clarity and strength to assess the areas in your life where you may be placing something else above God.
 - Ask for a renewed mind and heart that aligns with God's will, seeking transformation in how you think and live.

- 5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.**
 - Memorize Romans 12:1-2 and meditate on how it applies to your daily life. Use this scripture to guide your decisions and attitudes throughout the week.