

Worship: It's More Than You Think

Part 2

Key Scriptures: Romans 12:1; Romans 12:17-21; Galatians 6:7

- 1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.**
 - What's one of the most memorable acts of kindness you've experienced? It could be something you did or something someone did for you.
 - Without naming names, share a story of a difficult person you had to deal with. How did it go?
- 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 redefine what worship is?
 - **Read Romans 12:17-21.** Why do you think Paul emphasizes "not repaying evil for evil"? How does that reflect God's heart for us?
 - **Read Galatians 6:7.** Paul says, "A man reaps what he sows." How does this impact the way you think about handling hurt or offenses?
 - **Reflect on Romans 12:18.** What does it mean to "live at peace with everyone as far as it depends on you"? What are some situations where this might be difficult?
 - **Consider Paul's teaching on revenge in Romans 12:19.** How does trusting God's justice help us respond differently to difficult people?
- 3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.**
 - Describe a time when you responded to a hurtful situation with grace. How did that change the situation or impact you personally?
 - Have you ever struggled with wanting to "get even"? How did you handle it, and what did you learn from that experience?
 - Who is difficult for you to show kindness to, and why? What would showing kindness look like in that relationship?
 - In what ways have you seen "not repaying evil for evil" model Christ's love and patience in your life or others' lives?
 - What do you think "healthy boundaries" look like with someone who consistently brings negativity or hurt into your life?
- 4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.**
 - Pray for the grace to respond with kindness and patience, especially to those who may be difficult or unkind.
 - Pray for a heart of compassion that reflects God's love and forgiveness, especially in challenging relationships.
- 5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.**
 - This week, identify one difficult person in your life and make a plan to respond to them with kindness and grace. Write down a specific action, like speaking a kind word or praying for them.