

**Why are we here?**  
**#2 Worship that impacts all our life**  
**Romans 12:1-2**

**Introduction:** Worship should never be restricted to 1½ hours on a Sunday. Worship is a lifestyle; it's a sacrificial response to everything that God has done for us that reflects His character and His nature. That means that your workplace, your home, the things you do with your mates, shopping and more can all become a act and a place of worship when your attitude is to bring whatever you are doing before God, and choose to honour and glorify him in that. Brother Lawrence in his book "Practicing the Presence of God" was able to turn even situation - preparing meals and washing dishes - into acts of praise and communion with God... it's about changing your attitude to what you do (rather than just "what you do"). Wouldn't it be great if our whole life was a pouring out of worship to God!

**Ice Breaker:** As a group, come up with a definition of worship.

**Questions to consider:**

1. In discovering what you truly worship (value) share what your biggest struggles are in regard to putting God first. Keep in mind, there is nothing wrong, even sinful about any of the things below, in and of themselves. Simply use them as a grid to reflect on your walk with God...
  - Where do I invest my money, time & talents? (Luke 12:34 MESSAGE)
  - What do I talk about? (Matthew 12:34b NLT)
  - How do I make decisions? *"Every decision will ultimately be made by what you love (or value)."*
  - What do I feel I need to defend? The heart will always leap to defend the thing that it loves.
  - Where do my daily thoughts wander to automatically?
2. What would it look like if you took a "worship attitude" into your workplace, home or with friends? Discuss how you might do this.
3. Read Romans 11:33-36. Let it sink into your thoughts and your soul. Worship is a response to what God has already given us in mercy and grace. Describe how you feel about God's incredible gift & let that be a response or worship.
4. Romans 12:1 says that we are to "offer our bodies as living sacrifices". It's not an order as much as it is a response to God for what he has done (see Q3). Sacrifice always requires surrender or worship doesn't really happen. What is your greatest challenge in surrendering to God completely in worship.
5. Read Romans 12:2 – what steps do you consciously take to ensure that you don't model your life on the world's thinking, attitudes, morals etc... and that you are submitting yourself to the work of God's Spirit to transform your mind? What's difficult for you? What do you need to help you on this journey: accountability, prayer, help in getting into God's word? Other?
6. Worship is a sacrifice. (Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15). How does this thought spur you on in your own worship experiences, and worship times with God?

Commit to include worship as a part of your connect groups together as you meet each week. It may take on the form of prayer, listening to music, sharing God's goodness, going for a walk together aware of His presence etc. Be creative and share how you engage with God best.

**Pray:** that worship will become the bedrock of your whole life, all ministry, and all response to God's goodness, as well as a witness in the world that desperately needs to worship something other than what it creates!