
Worship in Spirit and Truth:**“Worship is a Verb”**Romans 11:30 - 12:2

Thoughts to Shape and Spark Discussion:

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.”

- John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad*

“The liturgy of my night—lock the doors, brush my teeth, get a glass of water, turn out the lights, pull back the covers, crawl into bed, curl up, close my eyes—is a repetitive, mundane, and good thing, through which I've learned to slow down, to let go of the day behind me, and go to sleep. Similarly, corporate worship trains us, over time, to cease striving to make our own way and our own righteousness and to receive God's means of grace.”

- Tish Harrison Warren, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*

“The parallel between worship and other areas of human life should not surprise us, because, in one sense, worship is all of life.”

- John Frame, “A Fresh Look at the Regulative Principle”

Themes and Questions to Guide Reflection and Response:

- Read the Warren quote above. What are some of your daily/weekly liturgies? How do they prepare you to go about your various tasks/events? What would happen if we removed one of them from your life?
- After reading through the passage together, ask your group what makes an impression upon them from the passage and why it strikes them.
- What two things does Paul urge us to do in Romans 12:1-2? What do they mean practically?
- What does Paul show is the only sufficient motivation for the hard work of Christian living? What other motivations are possible and how are they ineffective?
- Thinking back over your own life, what are some mercies God has shown you? How does it make you feel to think of those mercies?
- If worship is all of life, what does that mean for your work/school? What does it mean for your family and relationships? What does it mean for your money? What does it mean for your play/leisure?
- Looking back over this fall series on worship, what is something that has surprised you? What is something that has drawn your heart closer to Jesus? Do you have any questions that you feel were left unanswered?