Harvester Christian Church

Life Groups | **PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY**

I SURRENDER | MY WORSHIP

**WEEK 3**

We’ve spent the last couple of weeks studying Romans 12:1-2 and what it means to be a “living sacrifice.” We’ve talked about (and hopefully implemented) the surrender of our wills and our weeks. Over the course of the next week we’ll discover what it means to fully surrender our worship to Him.

**What is Worship?**

If you’ve downloaded the Vine Expository Dictionary app, look up the word “worship.” Notice that the Greek word most commonly translated as “worship” is “proskuneo.”

What are the two root words that make up that word?

What might that suggest about the meaning of worship?

Write down any other significant observations about the word “worship” from that Bible dictionary entry.

**Worshipping Through Song**

Offering worship to God through song is a practice found throughout the Old Testament, most notably in the book of Psalms. **Read Psalm 95-100** and answer the following questions.

What actions or attributes of God are being praised in these Psalms? How is God described?

Why do you think God’s people are told to sing a “new song” to Him (96:1, 98:1)?

What different names for God are used in worship?

Why do you think even inanimate objects (rivers, seas, mountains…) are called to offer praise to God?

What else do you find noteworthy in these Psalms of praise?

**Offering More than Songs**

We are called to worship God through our songs, but our key passage for this series seems to suggest that there is much more to worship than singing. Paul calls us to offer ***ourselves*** to God and calls that our spiritual act of worship (Romans 12:1).

What do you think it means to offer yourself to the Lord as an act of worship?

In that same verse, what adjectives does Paul use to describe the way in which we are to offer ourselves?

What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me” (Matthew 15:8)?

**Weekly Challenge**

We gather together weekly to worship God as a body of believers. This week set aside time to worship Him on your own. You can praise Him through spoken words or through song. Have a time of worship in which you do not ask God for anything but simply praise Him for who He is and all He has done. If you have a hard time getting started, consider choosing one or more Psalms to read to God as a way to worship Him. Try doing this for a few minutes each day this week so it becomes a pattern in your life.

**Group Discussion**

One Greek word for worship is made up of two words: “kiss” and “toward.” What does that imply about the nature or purpose of worship?

Which hymn or song always brings you to an intimate time of worship?

Why do you think churches place such a large emphasis on worship?

Personal preferences in music styles can create problems within churches and impede our ability to focus on God in worship. What are some things we can do to get past that?

Was there anything else in the reading you wanted to discuss this week?