

SERMON: Gospel Centered Church
SERIES: Gospel Centered Worship
SPEAKER: Pastor Mark

August 12, 2018

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 12:1-2

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Understand Worship
- II. Present Your Bodies
- III. Be Transformed
- IV. Remember the Gospel

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group.

Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. What do you think of when you think of worship? Do you agree that everyone is a worshipper? What, besides God, do you worship?
2. Paul begs us to be a living sacrifice. Pastor Mark said, "The gospel doesn't just free us to live, it frees us to die." What do you think this means? What is a specific way that God might be asking you to die to self this week? In what way is this worship?
3. Paul asks us to present our BODIES as a living sacrifice. Our worship is a whole life commitment to Christ (not just an abstract idea or an internal thing). What would total devotion look like in this area of your life? What bodily action might God be asking you to do?
4. Read Romans 12:1-2 again. What do these verses teach us about our transformation? How is our personal transformation connected to our worship? Read also 2 Corinthians 3:18 (the only other place where this word transformation is used).
5. How is our worship and transformation connected to the gospel (Paul appeals to us by the mercies of God). How does God's mercy at the cross motivate our worship and empower our transformation?

Pray: Praise God for his mercies and worthiness to be worshipped? Confess your failure to worship God alone and from a whole life commitment. Ask God to transform your mind, heart, and actions by your worship.