

**½ hour on Sunday**

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**Worshiping Together**

*“Brothers and sisters, in view of all we have just shared about God’s compassion, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him. This kind of worship is appropriate for you. Don’t become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.”*  
(Romans 12:1-2, God’s Word Translation)

**And so, therefore...**

- Chapter 12 in the book of Romans is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the book
- Therefore, I urge you...And so, I plead with you...In view of all we’ve shared, I encourage you
- Worship God with your \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.* (The Message)
  - The way you live will always be your highest \_\_\_\_\_ of worship
  - This is what makes good \_\_\_\_\_ sense
    - Christ died for you, the best thing that you could do is \_\_\_\_\_ for him

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**Worshiping in Community**

- Some of the hardest people to \_\_\_\_\_, are the ones you \_\_\_\_\_
- When we gather on a Sunday morning to worship, we gather to worship together
  - It’s about all of us connected together, with \_\_\_\_\_ voice and heart, connecting with God

- *May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with \_\_\_\_\_ voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6*
- What happens in a worship service when we’re really not connected? When we’re fighting, and being petty with one another?

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**Rethink, Relate, & Reconcile**

- Rethink
  - We all have to change the way we think about \_\_\_\_\_ and the world
  - Break out of the \_\_\_\_\_ cycle
    - The biggest pattern in our culture today is the worship of \_\_\_\_\_
- Relate
  - We need to understand our place in the bigger picture of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Let’s learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ life together
- Reconcile
  - As much as it is \_\_\_\_\_, live in peace with everyone

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**Further Thoughts:**

- Read Romans chapters 13 to 15. What other principles can I learn about living my life as an offering of worship to God?
- Is there someone in the family of Christ, or a neighbour in my home or work community, that I need to reconcile with today?