

# DEEP

## Conversations with God



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### Introduction:

**Romans 12:1-2** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, **in view of God's mercy**, to **offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God** – this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### Worship 101: A Reality Check

1. What MOTIVATES our worship? God's \_\_\_\_\_ Literally "in view of God's mercies (plural)"
2. In what \_\_\_\_\_ do we worship? Offering the \_\_\_\_\_ of our bodies  
  
"offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God"
3. By what \_\_\_\_\_ do we worship? The continual \_\_\_\_\_ of our minds  
  
"be transformed by the renewing of your mind"

**SPIRIT** (pneuma) = innermost being, core nature, truest identity

Your spirit is already 100% pure, perfect and heaven-ready

**BODY** (soma) = the physical earth-suit or "tent" in which your spirit resides

Sin still resides in your body, but it will be resurrected when Christ returns

**SOUL** (psuche) = the psyche, mind/will/emotions

Your soul has already been redeemed but is being continually renewed

## **SMALL GROUP Q'S**

### **Personal Life:**

1. Can you think of a time in your life when your worship of God was extremely focused and fulfilling? Can you think of a season when your worship was significantly misdirected? If you're willing, share about those experiences. Why do you think you arrived at each of those places?

### **Ponderings:**

2. If it's true that God created humans as expert worshipers, why do you suppose He allowed us the potential to misplace or misdirect our worship rather than supernaturally forcing us our worship only toward Him?

3. Read Romans 12:1-2 as a group and discuss the following thoughts and questions...

- How does the phrase "living sacrifice" communicate something radically different from the Old Testament idea of sacrifice?
- How does seeing yourself as God sees you (holy and pleasing) affect your passion and ability to direct your worship toward God?
- The word "transformed" is "metamorphosis," which we apply to a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. A caterpillar has the exact same DNA as the butterfly it will later become. How does this depict the process of soul growth in the life of a believer from spiritual infancy to maturity?
- The moment you become a believer, you're as righteous as you'll ever be, but you're not as mature as you'll ever be. How does maturing in Christ increase your ability to "test and approve" what God's will is?
- Ephesians 5 instructs worshipers to "speak to each other" with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs..." How and why is the function of public worship together so powerful for the renewing of our minds?

### **Promptings:**

5. If you are not currently practicing the renewing of your mind, will you make the adjustments necessary to begin meditating on Scripture, regularly participating in corporate worship, and learning the discipline of taking false thoughts captive and making them obedient to Christ? What will those adjustments look like in your life?