

June 19, 2011

Willow Park South  
Small Group Questions

“The Chase”

*Romans 11:36-12:2*

- Please read *Romans 11:36-12:2* together at the beginning of your small group meeting.

**The Apostle Paul states that “*from him [God] and through him and to him are all things*” (Romans 11:36, ESV). With in the Trinity there is perfect communion as each worships the other continually. As we are made in the image of God, this act of worship was implanted into our nature.**

Why do you think we naturally believe that God needs our attention and relationship? Is God in need of our relationship? Why or why not?

What does worship mean to you? Is it only something we do at church on Sundays?

In Romans 12:1, what does Paul describe worship as?

- A sacrifice to God.

**Worship is not a religious experience, it is a human experience. Since we are all subject to limited time and energy, we give glory (preeminence) to the things that we sacrifice our time and energy to.**

What are some of the things that people in our community spend most of their time/energy/money on? Are these things ultimately satisfying?

What are the things in your life that are most important? Do you sacrifice your time and energy to those things?

How can we sacrifice our time and energy in a way that is pleasing to God?

**Paul describes idolatry in Romans 1:24-25 as worshipping created things rather than the Creator. Even good things (given by God) can become idols if we love them more than we love Jesus.**

Can our families become idols in our lives? If God took away your family would you blame Him or would you trust in Him?

Why is it better for your family/friends if you love Jesus more than you love them?

**As we worship ourselves into sin, we must worship ourselves out of it. As we are created to worship, trying to eat less, drink less, love less, or surf the internet less will result in either failure or self exaltation. Instead, we need to worship Christ more by focusing our hearts and minds on His sacrifice.**

## **Prayer and Reflection**

Is there anything in your life that you worship more than God?  
Are there any idols in your life that you need to repent of?

### **Psalm 100 (ESV)**

- [1] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!***
- [2] Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!***
- [3] Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.***
- [4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!***
- [5] For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.***