



Worship – Reach – Connect – Grow – Serve

SLE Church 2023

Welcome!

Opening Discussion:

1. When do you worship God?
2. When in your life have you felt most 'worshipful'?

Bible Readings: Mark 12:28-30; Romans 12:1-2

Talk – Part 1

Introduction

1. *The Reason for Worship (Rom 12:1a; chs. 1-11)*

2. *The Scope of Worship (Rom 12:1)*

Discussion Questions:

1. Has your appreciation of God's mercies grown as you come to realise more and more what your spiritual 'diagnosis' is really like?
2. How has your awe of God grown?
3. Why does it make sense that the scope of worship is the entirety of our lives?
4. How do you feel about the scope of worship being this big?

Talk – Part 2

3. *Worship, SLE Church, and You (Romans 12:2; Mark 12:28-30)*

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the look of worship in Romans 12:1-2 differ from what how you imagine worship to be (look back to your answers in the opening discussion)?

2. How are you expressing worship in your life at the moment? Consider these areas of life:
- Home
 - School/work
 - Decisions about my use of time
 - How I spend my money
 - How I relate with people (family, friends, teachers/superiors, etc.)
 - What I'm like at church
3. What might help or hinder you from growing in worship?

Q&A

Ponder (in your own time):

"There is nothing more important in life than worship. We all worship something or someone. The only question is whether we will worship the right One in the right way."

— Kevin Deyoung, [A Theology of Worship \(TGC blog\)](#)

"Redemption is the means; worship is the goal. In one sense, worship is the whole point of everything. It is the purpose of history, the goal of the whole Christian story. Worship is not one segment of the Christian life among others. Worship is the entire Christian life, seen as a priestly offering to God. And when we meet together as a church, our time of worship is not merely a preliminary to something else; rather, it is the whole point of our existence as the body of Christ."

— John Frame

Suggested resource list:

- On what is Biblical worship – DA Carson, 'Worship by the Book'
- On singing – Mike Raiter and Rob Smith – 'Songs of the Saints'
- On God's will – Philip Jensen and Tony Payne – 'Guidance and the Voice of God'