Worship: What is it and why does it matter Part 4

1. A Life of Worship in the New Testament
	1. The Spheres of Worship
		1. The spheres: individual & corporate

*It may be best to speak of congregational worship as a particular expression of the total life-response that is the worship of the new covenant.” (Peterson)*

*“The source of most of the problems people have in their Christian lives relates to two thing: either they are not worshipping six days a week with their life, or they are not worshiping one day a week with the assembly of the saints. We need both.” (MacArthur)*

* + 1. The relationship between these spheres
			1. The corporate assembly of believers is a *core expression* of the worshipping-serving lifestyle that should characterize believers.
			2. The assembly of believers is *unto the growth* and maturity of a worshipping-serving lifestyle.
	1. The Romans 12 Paradigm
		1. Worship expressed in a total-life commitment to God (vv.1-2)
			1. A sacrificial-worshipping lifestyle
1. Because of God’s mercy
2. Present your *bodies*

*“Genuine commitment to God embraces every area of life and includes the body in all of its particularity and concreteness.” (Schreiner)*

1. A sacrifice: alive, holy, acceptable (cf. Rom. 6:13; 12:1)
2. Reasonable service

*“[Paul’s] point is that it is eminently reasonable, given the mercies of God, for believers to dedicate themselves wholly to God.” (Schreiner)*

1. A lifestyle transformed into the will of God through mind renewal
	* 1. Worship expressed in practical commitment to the body of Christ (vv.3-8)
		2. Worship expressed in a life of un-hypocritical love (vv.9-20)

**Implications**

1. Those who would make worship an entirely private experience have greatly misunderstood it.
2. We are to worship God in his ways.
3. Practically seek ways of enslaving yourselves to others.
4. Daily work these principles out with intentionality.
5. Keep worship God-centered.