

Chapter 9 Discussion Questions

Opening Question: How do you see worship in our culture when you consider the way we celebrate sports, entertainment, and famous people?

- 1) In what ways does our culture present more opportunities than ever to engage in self-worship or self-promotion?
- 2) How does our desire to be noticed and appreciated often lead us to exhaustion and weariness?
- 3) Read Romans 1:16-23 and Psalm 19:1-3
 - a. Why should all people worship God?
 - b. What happens when people worship created things rather than their Creator?
 - c. How does our understanding of the gospel encourage our worship?
- 4) When you hear the word “worship” what images usually come to mind? Compare your answer with Romans 12:1-2. How does this passage expand your understanding of worship?
- 5) What in your life are you tempted to worship in place of God? Think of the places or people you hope, trust, and delight in—what captures your affections more than God does?
- 6) How does what we worship affect: What we talk about? What we spend our time doing? What we spend our money on?
- 7) Read John 4:21-26. What does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth?
- 8) How does worship lead us to be proclamation people who faithfully obey Jesus’s command in Matthew 28:19-20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded of you”?
- 9) As you think back over the chapter, what particular truth resonated with you? How will you live differently in light of that new understanding?