

Made For Worship

Discussion Guide for September 12 and 13, 2026

Summary

This message opens a new 6-week series, *Made for More*, on God's perfect design for our lives. Grounded in Ephesians 2:10 and Proverbs 3:5-8, the series begins with the most foundational thing we were made for: worship. Drawing from John 4 and Romans 12, we learn that true worship engages both heart and mind and shows up not just in a gathering but in how we live our whole lives.

Ice Breaker

Rube Goldberg is famous for drawing cartoons of wildly overcomplicated machines built to do simple tasks. Have you ever built, seen, or used something (a system, a routine, a gadget) that was far more complicated than it needed to be — or, on the flip side, something so well-designed it just worked perfectly? What made the difference?

Key Verses

1. Ephesians 2:10
2. Proverbs 3:5-8
3. Isaiah 43:19-21
4. John 4:19-24
5. Romans 12:1-2
6. 1 Peter 2:9
7. Revelation 4:11

Discussion Questions

1. Ephesians 2:10 calls us God's "workmanship," which other translations render as "masterpiece." Does it feel true to you that your life is a carefully designed masterpiece rather than something random? Why or why not?
2. David Foster Wallace said, "There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships." Before you were a Christian (or before you thought much about faith), what do you think you were worshipping: a person, a goal, an image of yourself, or something else?
3. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that true worshippers "worship in spirit and truth," engaging both heart (passion, emotion) and mind (what we know to be true about God). Which of these comes more naturally to you and which do you tend to neglect?

4. Romans 12:1-2 describes worship as offering our bodies as a "living sacrifice" and being "transformed by the renewal of your mind" rather than conformed to the world. What's one specific way the world's patterns of thinking still shape you more than God's Word does?
5. The message suggests doing an "idol audit," examining where you spend your time, attention, and resources, and asking what you're most afraid to lose. What did that audit surface for you, even if it's uncomfortable to name?

Life Application

This week, do an "idol audit." Set aside 10-15 minutes to reflect honestly on where your time, attention, and resources actually go, not where you wish they went. Ask yourself: What am I most afraid to lose? What would I struggle to give up if God asked me to? Then pick one concrete step to redirect that attention back toward God this week, whether that's a change in a daily habit, a conversation you need to have, or time spent in His Word.

Key Takeaways

1. God has a perfect design for our lives, and living within that design, not outside it, is what leads to flourishing and spiritual growth.
2. Everyone worships something; the only real choice is what (or who) we worship. We were specifically made to worship God.
3. True worship requires both spirit (heart, passion, emotion) and truth (mind, knowledge of who God is). One without the other leads to either shallow emotionalism or cold intellectualism.
4. Worship isn't confined to a gathering or a song; it's a lifestyle of obedience and surrender lived out in how we treat others and how we spend our lives.