

# WELLSPRING

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## W O R S H I P C E N T E R

### Warren Groves Reflection Questions 11/06/2022

*1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)*

1. Do you think there is a difference between the gospel of salvation (Eph. 1:13) and the gospel of the Kingdom of God (Luke 8:1)?
2. When Jesus sent out His disciples to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God (Luke 9:2,6), what was their message since they did not know nor believe that Jesus was to die for their sins?
3. God's original mandate to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28) was to fill the earth with people and bring it under their control (subdue it). Is this mandate still applicable to us today?
4. Do you agree that throughout history, wherever the influence of Christianity has increased, that part of the world has improved?
5. One Bible translation of Romans 12:2 states, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold." Have you felt pressure to become more like the world? If so, in what ways?
6. Romans 12:2 tells us that the way we are transformed is by renewing our minds. This process includes:
  - (i) identifying lies we believe,
  - (ii) resisting those lies we believe and
  - (iii) replacing those lies with truth.How has that process been going in your own life?
7. What did you think of the analogy of taking our thoughts captive to not allowing a travelling salesman to enter your home, because both are much harder to get rid of once we allow them a place inside?
8. Have the last few years of Covid caused you to have more fear of death and become less of a risk-taker?