

HOPE DEALERS

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April 24, 2016

1. Open in prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.
 - a. How do we keep His name holy?
 - b. How does His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven?
2. To keep God's name holy, we worship Him. If "all of life is worship," what does that look like in our everyday lives?
3. Worship means that we find our love, significance, identity, and source of power from Jesus.
 - a. What are other areas we look to for our love, significance, identity, and source of power?
 - b. What happens when we worship anyone or anything other than Jesus?
 - c. Discuss the "Five Characteristics of a Transformer"—worship, connect, serve, give, and invite.

How do Hope Dealers worship?

4. Hope Dealers worship through seeing life through the lens of God's mercy. (Read Romans 12:1a)
 - Choose four or five of the following mercies Paul talked about in Romans 1-11 to read and discuss:

God credits us righteousness apart from works (3:22; 4:6)
God offers us justification and redemption (3:24)
Jesus' sacrifice provides atonement (3:25)
God takes judgment on Himself (3:25; 4:25)
God is forbearing and patience with us (3:25)
Our sins are not counted against us (4:8)
God gives spiritual life to the spiritually dead (4:17)
God makes peace between us and Him (5:1)
God poured His love into our hearts (5:5)
He has given us the Holy Spirit (5:5)
He reconciled us to Himself (5:11)
He gives us eternal life (5:21; 6:23; 8:11)
He provides an overflowing and abundant provision of grace (5:15,17)
God has allowed us to die to sin (6:2)
He empowers us to bear fruit (7:4)
He frees us from condemnation (8:1)
He makes us His children, heirs of God, co-heirs with Christ (8:17-17)
God works for our good (8:28)
He conforms us to His likeness (8:29)
God provides His love from which we can never be separated (8:35-39)
God saves all who call on Him (10:13)
He offers us His kindness (11:22)

5. Hope Dealers worship through becoming a living sacrifice. (Read Romans 12:1b-2)
 - a. What did Pastor Paul mean when he said, "As a living sacrifice, we move from *me* to *we*"? (HINT: We move from "how do you serve me" to "how do you serve the we.")
 - b. Discuss how God's will isn't something we look for, but something we live out.
6. Hope Dealers worship through using gifts to serve in TC and outside of TC. (Read Romans 12:3-9)
 - a. Read our value of "Servant Community" and discuss.

"We are committed, by the Spirit's enabling power, to develop a biblical, servant-hearted community, in which we serve each other through our grace-gifts as we serve in our spheres of influence by being the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus."
 - b. In light of this passage and our value, what does it mean when TC pastors say, "it's not about looking for a title, it's about looking for a towel"?
7. If you're not an owner/member at TC, register online for an upcoming membership class.

Soul-tattoo: Help build TC into a community of hope by serving.