Personal Reflection & Growth Group Discussions Life as Worship Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

(Choose the most appropriate questions below for discussion – you don't need to do them all:)

- 1. Discuss or consider anything in the passage or sermon that struck you.
- 2. Having information and 'knowing' are not the same thing (e.g. sports have to be *played* to really know them). Discuss the relationship between knowing the technical meaning of a Bible passage and living it?
 - a) The early church considered knowing the purpose of everything (*why* it was made) to be the most important aspect of knowledge. How does this differ from a focus on *how* it works?
- 3. How does doing "everything in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col 3:17) impact our attitudes and behaviour?
- 4. What do you think it means to present ourselves as "living sacrifices" (v 1)? Why is this the essence of "spiritual worship?"
- 5. Why does Paul say that we must be "transformed **by** the renewal of our minds" (v 2)?
 - a) He suggests the alternative is to be "conformed to this world" (v 2). Why are our minds (the way we think) so important?
- 6. Do you have one practical example in your own life of how making the flourishing of people and creation your guiding principle for action might change what you think or do?

Pray for each other, the church and the world.