

*"I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me...and they listen to My voice."*  
John 10:14, 16

3. By \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

Regularly — Occasionally — Rarely

*"If anyone is ashamed of Me and My teaching then I will be ashamed of him when I come with the glory of My Father..."* Mark 8:38

4. By \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

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*"Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work and walking around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him."* Rom. 12:1

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*"Just as you excel in faith, in speech, in knowledge and in complete earnestness ... see that you also excel in the grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love."*  
II Corinthians 8:7-8

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## Group Discussion Questions

### Connecting

1. Share information regarding your family of origin. Where are you from? Your parents? Their parents? How did you get to this part of the country?
2. When have you had a great worship experience? (It's okay to respond, "Never.") What made it great (or not so great)?

### Growing

3. Read Romans 12: 1-2 together: Worship begins as you "offer your bodies as living sacrifices." What picture comes to mind when you imagine offering your body in this way?
4. What does your body have to do with it? Why doesn't Paul say, "Offer your heart"?
5. Are there potential parallels between individual "bodies" and the "Body of Christ?" *hint: read verses 3-8!* What does this understanding have to do with worship?
6. What are possible signs that you are being "transformed by the renewing of your mind"?

### Applying

7. Discuss some ways to practically offer your bodies as living sacrifices. What ideas do you most resonate with? Write them in the blanks of the following section.
8. Allow everyone to answer this question: "How can we pray for you this week?" Once everyone has shared, pray for each other!
9. Look at Application Idea #1. Decide together if your small group wants to discuss points gleaned from the book for next week. If so, come prepared to discuss. If not, other small group questions will be available.

## Application Ideas

1. Read or re-read the “*Purpose-Driven Life*” chapters 8-14. Decide if your small group wants to discuss this section on “You Were Planned for God’s Pleasure - Worship.”
2. Listen to a favorite hymn or praise song at your home or in your car. Make this an act of worship and praise! Reflect on this experience. Is it easy or hard? Can this become a regular habit of personal worship?
3. Ask one person outside your small group what their perception of “worship” is. Reflect on their comments and how they are similar or different than yours. There is wisdom in consultation!
4. Think about the components of our weekly worship service—singing, Bible reading, sermon, liturgy, ministry opportunities, and testimonies. It is easy to have a spirit of worship as we sing, but how can you be engaged in more intentional worship in these other components of the service this week?

## Daily Reading Plan

Monday – Psalm 29

Tuesday – Romans 12: 1-8

Wednesday – Romans 12: 9-18

Thursday – Psalm 95

Friday – Psalm 100

Also during this week: Chapters 8, 9, 10 from “*Purpose-Driven Life*” by Rick Warren

Memory Verse for Week: Romans 12:1

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.”

## Additional Resources

1. “*Purpose-Driven Life*” by Rick Warren; available at Sam’s Club or Northwestern Bookstores at reasonable cost.
2. “*The Unquenchable Worshipper: Coming Back to the Heart of Worship*” by Matt Redman; available at Northwestern Bookstores
3. Any one of the WOW. worship CD’s (Orange, Green, or Blue). Great worship songs for home or car; available at Northwestern Bookstores
4. [www.worshiptogether.com](http://www.worshiptogether.com) – website containing music to listen to, bible study reflections, and fun browsing!
5. [www.integritymusic.com](http://www.integritymusic.com) – another fun website to browse and hear samples of different music, studies, and links.
6. [www.nwbooks.com](http://www.nwbooks.com) – a link to the Twin Cities largest Christian bookstore... Northwestern Books



# Doing Life Together

Pastor Dave Glesne ..... You Were Made to *Glorify* God!  
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“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:37-38

## “EXPRESSING MY LOVE TO GOD” IS CALLED

1. By \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

“Sing out your thanks to Him: sing praises to our God...”  
Psalms. 147:7

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2. By \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

“I love the Lord because He hears and answers my prayers. Because He bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I have breath!”  
Psalms. 116:1-2

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