

# **MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**

SERMON OUTLINE – 4 June 2017

Romans 12:1 – 21 ~ Spiritual worship

**Where does the power come from...**

## **1. The mercy of God fuels our worship – 12:1-2**

- What Christ has done for us
- What Christ is doing in us
- God's sovereign choice

## **2. Worship involves body and mind in all of life - 12:1-3**

- A renewed mind
- Bodies – the gifts and the giver!
- In all of life

## **3. Worship is pleasing to God – 12:3-8**

**Worship means saved and transformed people, inspired by the mercy of God, offering themselves and their gifts to serve his people.**

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**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
**Romans 12:1 – 21**

What does it take for you to change your mind about something? Are you stubborn, or do you find it easy?

**Read Romans 12:1-8**

1. What is the 'therefore' there for? How do ch9-11 enrich our understanding of "by the mercies of God"?
2. Consider the word 'sacrifice'. What normally happens to sacrifices? What, then, does it mean to be a 'living sacrifice'?
3. What does Paul mean by 'spiritual worship'? When and where do we do that?
4. What do you think it means to be 'conformed to this world'?
5. How does the transforming of our mind take place?
6. A renewed mind leads to a new way of thinking about ourselves. How does this help us understand what it means to think of ourselves with 'sober judgement'?
7. How else should we view ourselves (v5-6a)?
8. What should we do with what God has given us (v6b-8)?
9. How do these verses help the person who feels inferior? Superior?

**Read Romans 12:9-21**

10. How do these verses show us what it means to be a living sacrifice in our relationships:
  - a. within the church (v9-16)?
  - b. toward those who persecute the church (v17-21)?
11. How has your belief in God affected how you relate to people you dislike or find hard to be with?
12. Of all the commands in this passage, which do you find most personally challenging? What is something you can do about it?