**Passionately Pursuing our God in Worship and Music.**

**The World of Worship**

**1 John 2:15-17; Romans 12:2**

**Application and Discussion Questions**

1. What does it mean to be worldly?
2. Read 1 John 2:15-17. How does this passage define worldliness?
3. Why is serving two masters dangerous? Why is it impossible? (Matthew 6:24)
4. Read Romans 12:1-2. What does it meant to be conformed to this world? What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of your mind?
5. In what ways do you love the world? In what ways have you allowed the world’s values, beliefs, standards, desires, goals, and lusts shape and squeeze you into its mold?
6. In what ways has your lifestyle of worship been shaped by the world?
7. How can you reject the philosophies of the world while still loving the people of the world?
8. Milo Thompson describes four possible ways of relating to the world (Below). Which category do you find yourself most likely to fall into and why? How can you become more of a critical participant?
   1. **Rejection.**
      1. Withdrawal and isolation from the world; no social contact with the unsaved; believers are afraid to be around unbelievers lest they become contaminated; and the church becomes an angry fortress that hates people unlike them’ they have no interest in the community and the community has no interest in them...
   2. **Immersion.**
      1. this is the exact opposite of the first category; these folks say they know Christ, but they have adopted all the views and behaviors of the world; there is no difference between the way they live, and the way unbelievers live; so they have all kinds of unbelieving friends and acquaintances...but they aren’t having any impact on them; in fact, in some cases, the unbelievers don’t even know this person is a Christian; they; might have some vague notion that the person goes to church...but that’s a strange oddity they tolerate since it doesn’t seem to impact any other aspect of the relationship.
   3. **Split adaptation**
      1. these people attempt to have one foot in each world; they have their Christian friends, and their unsaved friends; and they’re like chameleons...they change depending on the people around them; so they have their church talk, their Christian talk; but then they have their world talk; and they just go back and forth...
   4. **Critical participation.**
      1. this is the person who lives in the world but is not of the world; they love God, and they people who do not yet know God; they have rejected the world’s philosophies...their lives are distinct; but they carry themselves in a way that is kind, and wise, and winsome; and they don’t elevate their preferences because they want to be as effective as possible...