

# UPWARD: Worship God Passionately

Week 1 of 3 | Ugly Christian Church Mission Series

Anchor Passage: Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

"Ugly Christian exists to worship God passionately, love one another deeply, and reach the lost boldly."

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- Realization: UCC had a slogan, not a mission statement
  - Mission statement = What we do | Vision statement = Where we're going
  - Series overview: 3 weeks, one phrase at a time — begins Upward
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## 2. DEFINING WORSHIP — Romans 12:1-2

- Worship = worthship — to ascribe worth to God
  - True worship is Living, Sacrificial, and Total
  - Worship is not a Sunday morning activity — it is a lifestyle. But it begins here.
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## 3. THE PROBLEM — Worship Becomes Routine

- Illustration: Marriage — love becomes a habit when the heart grows cold
  - We still attend. We still sing. We still give. But the fire is gone.
  - Passionate worship is not just what we do — it is who we are
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## 4. THE ELEMENTS — What We Do at UCC

- **We Attend** — *Hebrews 10:24-25*
  - **We Sing** — *Psalms 95:1-2*
  - **We Pray** — *1 Timothy 2:1-2*
  - **We Give** — *2 Corinthians 9:6-7*
  - **We Hear God's Word** — *2 Timothy 4:2*
  - **We Take Communion** — *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
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## 5. THE POSTURE — How We Do It Passionately

- **Intentionally** — *We show up on purpose, not out of habit*
  - **Attentively** — *We engage our minds and hearts*
  - **Sacrificially** — *We give what costs us something*
  - **Expectantly** — *We come believing God will meet us here*
  - **Responsively** — *We act on what God says*
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## 6. THE VISION — What It Looks Like When We Get It Right

- Illustration: The New Believer — on fire, intentional, unstoppable
  - What if we worshipped like we did when we first met Jesus?
  - This is who Ugly Christian is called to be
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## 7. CONCLUSION — Call to Recommit

- Return to Romans 12:1-2 — your whole life as an act of worship
- Challenge 1: Which element do you need to recommit to?
- Challenge 2: Which posture is missing in your worship?
- Invitation: This is who we are called to be — are you in?