

REVIEW

- God has created each of us to worship.
- Worship as inner attitude of the heart.
- Worship is an act of surrender—submission to God. It’s reverence for Him.
- Worship is an ongoing daily activity.
- God gets to define worship.
- Last Week: Corporate Worship. **This Week:** Our impact on the world around us.

1. WHEN WE SEE GOD FOR WHO HE IS, _____ . (See Isaiah 6)

- Meeting with God reveals our sinfulness. (verse 5: “my eyes have seen the King”)
- We’re compelled to repent from our pride and arrogance. (verse 5: “I am a man of unclean lips”)
- Forgiveness given, we are humbled. (verse 7: “your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for”)
- Isaiah became purposeful. (verse 8: “send me”) He was created to do good works. (See **Ephesians 2:10**)

2. AS WE GO ABOUT OUR LIFE, WE ARE _____ GOD IN ALL WE DO.

WHY?

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

HOW?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 13:15-16 ¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

- We are to continually give praise and thanksgiving.
- We are to be others-centered and sacrificial.

Colossians 3:16-17 ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- The natural fruit of dwelling in Christ is to love and encourage those around us.
- Our worship impacts both believers and unbelievers.

Colossians 3:23-24 ²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

- Work with joy, not grumbling; work as unto the Lord.

3. WORSHIP LEADS TO _____ THE NEEDS OF OTHERS AROUND US.

PAUL AND SILAS IN JAIL (See Acts 16)

- They didn't run. They were **courageous** (not deterred by danger or pain; brave).¹
- They used their God-given influence for the benefit of others—they stayed.
- A true encounter with God demands a response.
- Is God giving you fruit to harvest, or seeds to plant?

1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

OUR WORSHIP OPENS THE DOOR TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

1 Peter 3:15-16 ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

HOW ARE WE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL?

- Pray for opportunity and favor.
 - Practice; share the good news with friends and family. Use your story
 - Surrender your fear and be courageous. "When I am weak, He is strong."
 - Know and believe you have something **life-giving** to give. Share grace and truth with gentleness and respect.
 - Seek to love and have compassion for the lost.
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APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How will you grow in your personal and corporate worship? What will you commit to today?
2. What will you allow God to change in you so that your witness looks more like Christ? Write it down.
3. How will you serve this community through worship? Commit today.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS IN LIFE GROUP OR WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Passages to consider: Acts 16:22-32; Colossians 3:15-17, 23-24; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- Share from the sermon a passage or thought key to what God is showing you.
 1. Read Acts 16:22-32. A) What do you see happening? B) What role did worship play in the situation? C) What do you see being impacted in this passage?
 2. What have you noticed about your own worship? A) How does that compare to what you see in this passage?
 3. Worship is both an event and a lifestyle. How does worship impact you as you are going about the business of daily living? A) What do you engage with, don't engage with, or see differently?
 4. This series has discussed personal worship, corporate worship, and the impact of worship. What has God been showing you through this worship series? A) What are you intentionally acting on?

Next week: Beginning of Easter Series—Brad Gray will be here.

Passages to prepare: John 13

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