

Series – Good Habits With Giving Christ More in 2024, part 5

Message Summary: In John 4:23 Jesus says, “...worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way”. Jesus’ response doesn’t answer all our questions about worship but He does answer the most important one. God is looking for people who will worship Him! Since this is something God desires, then we should make this a priority in our spiritual growth when giving more to Christ. Today we are going to try to give some definition to worship and ways to develop the good habit.

The Good Habit of Worship

1. What is Worship?

- A. Worship is loving God.** Mark 12:30
- B. Worship is a conversation with God.** Nehemiah 9:5-6
- C. Worship is following God.** John 14:15

2. What is Praise?

- A. Praise means to sing, to tell of, to give, or to confess.** Psalm 138:2
- B. Praise is an outward expression.** Psalm 22:22

3. What is Appropriate in worship?

- A. All different types of instruments are appropriate.** Psalm 150:1-6
- B. Being loud is sometimes appropriate.** Psalm 95:1-2
- C. The raising of hands is appropriate.** Psalm 63:4

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT- (5min) Praise & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) What is your experience with worship? How meaningful is worship to your overall experience with Jesus?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Review Sunday’s sermon outline and allow the group to share their notes and comments. Now answer the following questions:

1. Discuss the three descriptions of what worship is. How can you give more in your worship?
2. Discuss how praise is part of our overall worship practice. Describe the difference between worship and praise.
3. Discuss the four ways we can practice praise and worship.
4. What things are appropriate in worship? Are any of these things difficult for you or you feel are not appropriate? Why / why not?
5. Why can we be self-conscious about these things (hand raising – physical movement – clapping – etc..) How can we get beyond it?

APPLY IT- (15min) What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?