

WORSHIP Vincent Tomei, Pastor of Worship Arts May 17, 2015

John 4: 21-24

It isn't a question of whether I'm worshiping, but only a question

of what or whom I am worshiping.

We become like the god we worship. Psalm 115:8

Worship isn't all tied up in externals:

- Worship isn't about only certain <u>places</u>.
- Worship isn't for only certain <u>people</u>.
- 1. Jesus shows me that my worship is for God's glory.
 - Jesus' definition: Worship is a <u>response</u> to God.
 - God the Father is "<u>seeking</u>" worshipers

- 2. Jesus shows me that my life is my worship.
 - Worship is in <u>spirit</u> and <u>truth</u>.
 - In spirit means <u>authentic</u>.
 - In truth means <u>accurate</u>.
 - Jesus' <u>life</u> is the lesson of <u>true</u> worship.
- 3. Jesus shows me that my <u>life</u> is for God's <u>glory</u>.
 - I will consciously live my life for God's glory by...

Next Steps

- I will look for examples of worship from Jesus' life in the gospel of John and ask God to help me build them into my life this week.
- I will ask God to help me consciously worship Him in everything I do this week.
- $\circ~$ I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- $\circ~~$ I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.



- **Lesson Aim:** To learn from Jesus' example and grow in our passion and capacity to live lives of worship for God's glory.
- **Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion and/or devotional time.

Ice-breaker: Who was your favorite "TV Show" mom growing up?

- 1. **READ Romans 12:1.** What does the Apostle Paul urge Christ-followers to do in this text?
- 2. Practically speaking, what does it mean to "offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God"?
- 3. We are told that to do this is a "spiritual act of worship" (NIV). How does this differ from a typical view of what "worship" is?
- 4. **READ Romans 12:2.** We are given further instruction on how to live lives of worship for God. What challenges you the most in this verse? Why? What encourages you the most? Why?

- 5. **READ Romans 12:3-5.** These verses address our need for humility toward and unity with other followers of Jesus. How is this an important part of living as worshippers of God?
- 6. **READ Romans 12:6-8.** Serving God and others with our spiritual gifts is another way to live for God's glory. Do you have one or more of the spiritual gifts listed in this section? If so, how have you been able to use the spiritual gift(s)?
- If you don't have one of the spiritual gifts listed in this text, do you have other spiritual gifts? (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 27-31). Share about this with your group.
- 8. **READ 1 Corinthians 10:31.** What are some areas of life where it is difficult to live "for the glory of God"?
- 9. Practically speaking, how can we grow as worshippers of God in these areas?
- 10. **READ Colossians 3:23-24.** How do these words in Colossians help motivate you to live a life of worship for the glory of God?

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

Daily Devotional Plan – Scriptures on worship. Day 1 – Exodus 20:2-6 Day 2 – 1 Samuel 15:22 Day 3 – 1 Chronicles 16:23-31 Day 4 – Psalm 29 Day 5 - Psalm 99 Day 6 – John 4:1-24 Day 7 – Revelation 4:8-11