Our Core Values: Worship

Sunday, January 7, 2024 | Text: Psalm 95 & John 4:20-24

"We exist to glorify God by making disciples of all nations." Our Core Values: Worship, Gospel, Family, Mission Main Idea: All of life is worship.

1. What is Worship?

Worship is the joyful right response of the whole being to the intrinsic worth of God revealed in His world and His Word.

"Worship is focusing on and responding to God." (Donald S. Whitney)

"Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His Beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose – and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin." (William Temple)

"Redemption is the means; worship is the goal. In one sense, worship is the whole point of everything. It is the purpose of history, the goal of the whole Christian story. Worship is not one segment of the Christian life among others. Worship is the entire Christian life, seen as a priestly offering to God. And when we meet together as a church, our time of worship is not merely a preliminary to something else; rather, it is the whole point of our existence as the body of Christ." (John Frame)

2. Why do we worship?

- We are called to worship.
- We are created for worship.

3. How do we worship?

- In Spirit and Truth
- Together
- Grounded in God's supreme love for His glory
- Centered on the person and work of Jesus Christ
- With reverent celebration and joyful awe
- As two-way communication
- In all of life

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: What is worship? How is every human being a worshipper? What place is worshipping God to have in our lives? Why do we worship God? How do we worship God? How does a low view of God affect our worship personally, and corporately as a church? What you value most will elicit your worship. What do you value most and what is your response of worship? In what way is worship a testimony of God's truth to unbelievers? When we struggle in life, how can worship be an antidote to bitterness and hardening of heart? How is our very humanity diminished when we refuse to worship?

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