



Worship

Sermon Discussion Questions – February 4, 2024

Scripture Passages:

Romans 11:36 (NLT) For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

Romans 12:1,2 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 1:21-23 (NIV) For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being - and birds and animals and reptiles.

Deuteronomy 6:14-15 (NIV) Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God.

John 12:42-43 (NIV) Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

Hebrews 13:15 (NIV) Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

Psalms 50:8-15 I have no complaint about your sacrifices or the burnt offerings you constantly offer. But I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens. For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it. Do I eat the meat of bulls? Do I drink the blood of goats? Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God, and keep the vows you made to the Most High. Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory.

Romans 10:13 (NIV) Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Warm Up: This week was Groundhog Day, and we found we are getting an early spring. Are you ready for the warm weather, or do you want the cold to stick around longer?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Scott used this Tim Keller quote:
“Everyone worships. The only choice we get is what to worship.”
What does this quote mean to you? What is getting your worship?
2. Pastor Scott gave us this definition of worship:
Worship is a response to what we value most.
What is it that you value most? What are the things that take up most of your time?
3. Read Romans 11:36. What can we learn about God from this verse? What does it mean to you that you were created for His glory/to worship Him?
4. Read Romans 12:1-2. What can we learn about who we are from these verses? What can we learn about worship through these verses?
5. Pastor Scott gave us self-examination questions, and started with this question:
Have I exchanged the glory of God for the busyness of life?
How would you answer this question? What busyness has taken the place of the glory of God?
6. Pastor Scott then asked the question:
Have I exchanged the glory of God for the pride of life?”
Do you find your pride getting in the way of your worship? Do you find yourself more concerned about what people around you will think rather than your worship to God? Why?
7. His last question was:
Have I allowed my feelings to interfere with my worship?
Do you find your feelings interfering with your worship? Can you worship God even when you don't feel it/feel like it?

Next Steps:

Read Psalm 50:8-15.

Pastor Scott ended with showing us how God tells us what he desires in our worship. His points were:

1. I worship God when I live thankfully.
2. I worship God when I honor Him with my life.
3. I worship God when I call on Him in my time of need.

Do you find yourself doing these things? Worshipping Him by living thankfully? Worshipping Him by honoring Him with your life? Worshipping Him by calling on Him in your time of need? This week, what can you do to worship God in these ways? What steps can you take to make these a part of your daily life?