



Worship

Sermon Discussion Questions – February 25, 2024

Scripture Passages:

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) 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. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Joshua 1:7,8 (NIV) Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Matthew 11:28–30 (NIV) “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light”

1 John 5:3 (NIV) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

John 14: 15 “If you love me, keep my commands.

John 14:21 “Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me...”

John 14:23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

John 14:24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

Mark 12: 28-30 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

The most important one is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

John 17:3 (NIV) Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV) “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’

Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

Discussion:

1. Pastor Scott started with the point that we’ve been talking about the last 3 weeks, “worship is a response to what we value most.”
As we’ve been talking about this the last few weeks, how have you thought about what you value most? Have you had to reprioritize to make God what you value most?
2. Read Romans 12:1-2. What can we learn about how to worship God in these verses?
3. Pastor Scott made the point:
To live a life of worship requires a commitment to obedience.
Read Joshua 1:7-8. What do we learn about obedience in these verses? What does a commitment to obedience to God mean to you? Does this come naturally, or do you find yourself needing to work at this?

4. Read Matthew 11:28-30. What do we learn about Jesus in these verses? How do we see true freedom in these verses?

5. Pastor Scott's next point was:
To live a life of obedience requires a commitment to love.
Read Mark 12:28-30. What do we learn about love in these verses? What do we learn about the importance of love in these verses?

6. Pastor Scott's last point was:
To live a life of love requires a commitment to know.
Do you feel like you know Jesus? What do you do to continue to know Jesus? What does knowing Jesus mean to you?

Next Steps:

Pastor Scott ended with this process:

The more you:

Know him, when you begin to understand the depths of who he is you will fall in **Love** with Him. You will be consumed with Him, and you will have no problem to **Obey** Him. Your capacity will increase as God transforms your heart and you will **Worship** Him in everything you do.

Where are you in this spiritual journey? Once you identify where you are, what do you need to do to take the next step?