



Sermon Notes: How Do I Worship?

1. The meaning of worship.

- Worship includes and involves . . .
- True worship is the response of all that we are to all that God is, all that God has done, and all that God promises.

2. The universality of worship.

- The question is not whether or not you worship; the question is what you worship.

3. The heart of worship.

- a. Worship is pursuing the greatest possible reward in the greatest possible object.
- b. True worship is when affections for God produce expressions that are both heartfelt and true.

4. The practice of worship.

- a. You've got to identify what you instinctively worship.
- b. You've got to dismantle your idols through repentance.
- c. You've got to cultivate an appetite for God.



Gospel Applications: How Do I Worship?

1. What is worship, in your own words? How would you change or add to your definition of worship after this message?
2. We described worship as “the response of all that we are to all that God is, has done, and promises.” What are some things included in that “all that we are” part that you may not normally think of as “worship”? How does this change the idea of worship for you?
3. Using the diagnostic questions shared in the message, what are some of the common idols of our culture? What are some of the common idols within Christianity? What are some of your idols?
4. Write a few more diagnostic questions of your own that help you identify what you functionally worship.
5. Choose one of your idols – we all have them – and answer these questions:
 - What does it look/sound like to worship that thing?
 - Why do you worship that? What does it seem to promise you?
 - What kind of delight do you find in that idol?
 - How does that idol affect your love for God?
 - How do you feel when that thing lets you down or fails you?
 - What does the Bible say about that idol?
6. Why do you think the Bible contains so many “*unblushing promises of reward*” (to use C.S. Lewis’ expression) for those who love and worship God with a whole heart? What are some of those rewards? What is the greatest?
7. What are some things you can do – key practices or behaviors – to help you develop an appetite for God and the Gospel?
8. What one thing will you do this week to feast your heart, soul, mind, and will on God, and to seek Him as your ultimate and highest treasure?