

**Series:** Being with Jesus, a study in the spiritual disciplines

**Sermon:** Worship

**Primary Text:** Psalm 96:1-9; Genesis 4:2-7; John 4:23; Romans 12:1

**Discussion Guide:**

- When you hear the word “worship,” what comes to mind?
- Read Psalm 96:1-9
  - What aspects of worship are found in this Psalm?
  - Why is it important to remember and “tell of his salvation from day to day” & to “declare his glory and marvelous works among all the peoples”
- Obedience is a form of worship
  - Read Genesis 4:1-7
  - Why did God have no regard for Cain's offering?
  - Where do you see this type of worship played out in your life or the lives of those closest to you?
- Is attending church worship?
  - Read Luke 4:16-19
  - Did Jesus make worship (think Sunday morning church) a priority in his life?
  - Read Matthew 4:23-24
  - What types of things can happen at church/during worship?
- Do you prioritize church as a weekly rhythm for your life?
  - Look at this last week. What was the primary marker for that week? (the main thing that happened or took place)
- True worship doesn't require a location or a set time during the day.
  - Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
- Read John 4, through verse 24.
  - If you could have secretly listened in to Jesus's discussion with the Samaritan woman, what would be the most important thing you would have learned about worship?
- Worship is a lifestyle, and all of life is an act of worship when “sacrificed” to God.
  - Read Romans 12:1
  - What ways can you offer yourself as a living sacrifice?
    - Is putting the needs of others above your own an act of worship? What might this look like in your day to day?
  - Worship occurs when we focus our hearts deepest desires and devotion on something or someone. It is driven by the belief that whatever we are focusing our time, money, and energy on will lead to a better present reality and future.
    - Do you agree? Why or why not?
    - How might you be able to sacrifice your own desires and will for that of God as an act of worship?
- How does worship connect to the other spiritual disciplines we've talked about in this series?
- In what ways can these other disciplines be an act of worship to/for God?