

Date: September 11, 2016

Speaker: Pastor Dale Oquist

Title: Last message in the series, "Wired to Worship", A Life of Worship

Pastor Dale discussed that just as animals have an instinct to flee in a predictable direction or to escape a tsunami hours before it occurs, so we as humans are wired to worship. It is not a question of "Do we worship?" but rather "Who (or what) do we worship?" He showed a video of a huge music concert, with people raising their hands and jumping up and down, and noted that we as Christians tend to subdue ourselves in church when we worship--instead, we need to be our natural selves before God in worship.

**1. Read Psalm 63:1.** Dale stated that we are the initiators of our worship of God. Worship is the only thing we can give to God that He hasn't already given to us.

*Question: Do you initiate worship before God? Can we worship daily or just on Sundays? Do you have to be led into worship by a group leader, or can you worship God on your own?*

**2. Read John 4:19-26.** Worship is our response, our soundtrack, to God's Story. This worship will change and transform us. Your worship of God is who you are; we get to be a part of the soundtrack of the redeemed!

*Question: Are you redeemed (saved)? Have you thanked God for your redemption?*

**3. Read Isaiah 6:1-5.** Isaiah is comforted over the death of his king and friend when the Lord appears to him in a vision. He saw the Lord above his pain and his grief. Also note that even inanimate objects react to God's presence. (As an aside, Psalm 19:1-4 reveals that creation sings the glory of God—listen to YouTube videos of the sounds made by stars!)

*Question: Can we worship God when we have pain and grief? Can you live a life of worship when your candidate doesn't win in November? What pain can you give to God now, and then start worshiping Him?*

**4. Read Revelation 5.** The scroll is the title deed to Earth, and the Lion of Judah, pictured as the Lamb, is the only one worthy and able to open the scroll. Notice how the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders initiate worship, and are joined by myriads of angels and all created beings. This scene is a ritual drama that will be enacted for eternity.

*Question: Do you have a favorite movie that you can watch again and again? Why?*