

Good Morning Church Family – Journey Through John

Read John 9:35-41

Devo Thought: I share a Dallas Willard quote with my son the other day, which I think applies to a particular part of this story. Willard was a Christian philosopher, who wrote a number of classical works on Christian living. He said this, “Human beings are at their core defined by what they worship rather than primarily by what they think, know, or believe...we are what we love.” In our passage today, we come to the end of the story about the healing of the man born blind. Jesus comes back to him after he has been cast out by the religious leaders for his unwillingness to lie about Jesus. The man meets with Jesus and is confronted by a very important question. It is a question of belief. Jesus basically asks him, do you really believe that I am special and worthy of your worship? After a clarifying question on the part of the man and Jesus’ answer, the man says, “Lord, I believe.” At this point, most of us would be excited and convinced of the man’s conversion from sinner to saint. However, there is a phrase that follows it that I think is just as important (if not more so). The phrase is “and he worshipped him.” You see, the man didn’t just have an abstract belief in Jesus that was cold and detached from everyday reality. To him, Jesus wasn’t just an idea that he liked. Jesus was a person he loved, a person worth worshipping. I want to challenge you to consider your belief in Jesus. Is it just an idea that you like, or is Jesus someone you love? Is he someone you long to spend time with? Is he worthy of your worship? That makes all the difference in the world. Don’t let your belief in Jesus be the end of things. Let it be a beginning of a life with God, experiencing the life of God.

Let us pray that God would help our belief become worship