



THE DISCIPLINE OF TRUE WORSHIP

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FROM 1/23/22

SERMON SUMMARY

Our individual worship as Christ-followers is not a luxury, it's a necessity. If our spiritual walk is going to grow and thrive we need to understand and engage in worshipping God, both corporately and privately. The good works that should mark our Christian lives flow (or should flow) out of the discipline of our worship. We need to be *with* Jesus before we can be effective *for* Jesus.

Key Passage: John 4:23-24

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW—Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone. *The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW—Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

Read Psalm 63:1-5 and talk about the importance and necessity of worship in our lives.

Pastor Brett mentioned that "Genuine worship is not about outward expression. Genuine worship comes from the heart." Give your own definition of genuine worship.

Pastor Brett mentioned three misconceptions about worship. Worship is optional, worship is simply an outward expression, and worship only happens on Sunday. Which one of these misconceptions do you fall into?

How does Scripture help us cling the promises of God more effectively?

According to John 4:23-24 how should we worship God?

GO—Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Worship shouldn't just take place on Sundays at church. We can worship at any time and in any place. What are some places and ways that you worship God?

Pastor Brett said that "Our goal should not be to get something out of a church service, but rather to contribute something to it." What are some tangible things you can do in the local church to live the life of a contributor rather than a consumer?

What are distractions in your life that get in the way of you living a life centered on worship to God? Confess it to God and ask Him to help you.

