

# Passion for God

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

## 1. True Worship Requires Our Hearts

*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*

—John 4:23 (ESV)

*“What our Lord means is, he is not only looking for those who will worship him in the truth of who he is, but also in the very depth of their inner being.”*

—Pastor Kent Hughes

### ***A. God is Seeking Our Heartfelt Worship***

### ***B. Worship Without Our Hearts is Not Worship at All***

*You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me”*

—Matthew 15:7-8 (ESV)

*“God does not regard our voices, He hears our hearts and if our hearts do not sing, we have not sung at all”*

—Charles Spurgeon

*“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*

—Matthew 22:36-37 (ESV)

### ***C. The Greatest Commandment Calls Us to Engage***

## ***Our Hearts***

*“The great and first commandment is that we love God. And the essence of loving God is that we delight in God, that we enjoy God, that we find God to be our all-satisfying treasure”*

*—John Piper*

## **2. Our Passion Boils When the Truth of God Becomes Personal**

*I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

*—Psalm 13:6 (ESV)*

*1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved—*

*—Ephesians 2:1-5 (ESV)*

*8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

*—Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)*