

Deeper – 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

## Worship

### **Worship in the Bible**

At creation see Job 38:7  
Cain and Abel  
Abraham  
Moses and the Israelites  
David  
Solomon  
Daniel

### **What is worship?**

Romans 11:33 – 12:3

**Definition:-** Worship is the act and attitude of wholeheartedly giving yourself to God – spirit, soul, mind and body.

How is your corporate worship/personal worship?

What is your motivation to do things?

### **What or who are your idols?**

(see over)

**What is it to be true worshippers** (John 4:23)

Worship with awe (Rev 1:16-17a & Hebrews 12:28-29)

Worship with abandonment (2 Samuel 6:21-22)

Worship with intimacy (Psalm 63:2-5)

### **Remind yourself**

with passages like Revelation 4 & 5.

### **Who/what are your external idols?**

- Who/what is my Lord that rules over my life determining how I live?
- Who/what is my Judge I am living to earn the approval of?
- Where do you give the firstfruits of your wealth?
- Where do you give the firstfruits of your time?
- What people and things take the majority of your life?
- What do you plan and pray for?

### **Who/what are your internal idols?**

- What false beliefs do you hold about God?
- Which parts of Scripture do you deeply doubt or even disbelieve?
- Deep down in your heart who/what do you love, cherish, treasure, long for the most?
- Deep down in your heart who/what do you despise and hate the most?
- Who/what makes you happiest? Why?
- Who/what makes you saddest? Why?

### **Who/what is your mediator between you and God?**

- Who or what other than Jesus do you use to get closer to God?
- Who or what if taken from your life would cause you to not walk as faithfully with God?
- How do you define yourself, especially when introducing yourself to others?

### **Where is your functional heaven?**

- When daydreaming about escaping this life, what does your functional heaven look like and how is it different from the real heaven?
- On earth, where do you run for your safety or comfort as your hiding place (e.g. the fridge, alcohol, the television, a person, a place, a hobby)?

### **Who/what is your functional saviour?**

- What is your picture of hell in this life (e.g. being single, not having children, being poor, etc.)?
- Who or what do you use to save you from what you fear (e.g. a relationship, children, money, shopping, sex, etc.)?

### **What good thing has become a god thing?**

- Which idols are in your life that when appreciated and/or stewarded correctly are means of worship but have become objects of worship (e.g. work, family, health, friendship, pleasure, leisure, hobby, etc.)?
- If you could obtain or change one thing/person in your life what would that be?
- What idols am I selling to others?