



PART 1: MADE TO WORSHIP

Sermon Notes

Text: John 4:7-26

Intro:

"The Doorway Effect" - doorways become memory boundaries causing us to forget what we entered a room to do

Bethel Church Mission: *We exist to worship God, grow in faith and show the world who Jesus is.*

We were made to worship

John 4:7-26

1. Worship is like Water

Worship is like water because everyone needs it every single day.

Psalm 42:1-2

2. The mountain doesn't matter

John 4:20, 21

Human hearts tend to worship the mountain and forget the God of the mountain.

Jeremiah 2:13

John 4:23

Worship in spirit and in truth is worship that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and informed by the truth revealed in Christ.

Worship is not limited to time and location!

Fight the doorway effect in worship:

1. Practice God's presence.

Invite God into more "rooms"

2. Consider how your work/school connects with God's purposes in the world.

Colossians 3:23-24

3. Create a helpful structure.

Create daily, weekly, monthly and annual structures to help facilitate regular worship.

Conclusion:

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Do you struggle with the doorway effect - showing up in a room and completely forgetting why you're there? Do you think something like the doorway effect impacts our faith in the various "rooms" we are in during the week (i.e. work, school, church, home, etc)? Why?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Jeremiah 2:13, Zechariah 14:6-9; John 7:37-39 and Revelation 7:16-17. These scriptures develop the theme of living water in the Bible. What do you notice about these verses? How do they shed more light on the meaning of Jesus' words in our passage from Sunday (John 4)? How does the theme of water relate to worship?
2. What do you think Jesus means by these words: "true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth" (John 4:23 & 24)? What does that look like practically?
3. Read Colossians 3:22-24 & Ephesians 6:5-8. These verses are instructions to slaves, encouraging them to see their situation (as grim as it is) as an opportunity to serve Jesus. Similarly, we may find ourselves in situations where we don't enjoy our work, or we even feel like we're trapped in our work. Taking the perspective that our work can serve Jesus offers a kind of freedom. Consider your own work...in what ways do you see it as a service to/worship of Jesus? How does it connect to God's bigger purposes in the world?

Application:

1. What daily, weekly, monthly and annual structures do I need to help facilitate regular worship?

Prayer:

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