

Getting Started

1. How do you worship beyond Sunday?
2. Does giving of our tithes and offering seem like a piece of worship? Does it feel different than singing or praying?
3. How has this sermon series enabled you to worship more fully?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 117:

Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.¹

Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.²

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.³

¹ Ps. 145:18-20; John 4:22-24; Rom. 8:26-27; James 1:5; 1 John 5:14-15

² 2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 2:11; 34:18; 62:8; Isa. 66:2; Rev. 4

³ Dan. 9:17-19; Matt. 7:8; John 14:13-14; 16:23; Rom. 10:13; James 1:6

When you pray to God how do you approach God?

6. Read Matthew 6:25-34. How might you use these words to enhance your prayer life?
7. Read Malachi 3:6-11. What do these words from God say about tithing? How do we praise God with our tithes and offerings?
8. Compare Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:44-49 and John 21:15-23. These are Jesus' last words to his disciples in each of the four gospels. Are they similar or different? What can you take away from each?

Application

9. We typically act as though worship ends with the blessing, but we are called to go serve God in the world. Your challenge this week is to find at least one more opportunity to do just that. Our worship carries forward; worship God each day of the week.

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Why We Worship

“Beyond Sunday”

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

- **Worship is not _____ in that we only receive something from God, it is _____ - we respond to God with _____, _____, _____ and _____.**
- **Two pieces of our Response:**
- **In worship we listen to our God, we give him praises and then we are _____ into the _____.**

Topics: Response, service, prayer and giving