

Sunday, January 10, 2021 - "Worship" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: John 4:6-26, Deuteronomy 6:5, Colossians 3:23-24

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- John 4:6-26 - there is a racial dynamic and much disdain between the Jews and the Samaritans
- Culturally speaking, Jesus was always around the "wrong" people (this woman at the well included)
- Conversation between Jesus and the woman
 - She doesn't really understand what he is saying
 - v25-26: Worship is in Spirit and in truth
 - She actually becomes the first evangelist
- Context: Living water and worship
 - There is a direct link between these two things
 - The hour that Jesus is talking about is right now (the new covenant)
 - God is seeking people to engage in spirit to spirit worship
 - We were created to be worshippers
 - We will never be full/satisfied/whole until we learn to worship
- But what is worship?
- Platonic dualism
 - Separation of body and soul
 - Church = spiritual...Work = secular or physical
 - This didn't used to be this way
 - Deuteronomy 6:5 - It's all one thing...love God with ALL that you are
- Colossians 3:23-24
 - Everything we do can be worship
 - We are spiritual beings
 - Everything we do has consequences
- Worship = an active and appropriate response to the invitations of God
 - Awareness of invitations in every aspect of life
 - Responding in obedience to those invitations (spirit to spirit interaction)
- But...we never have to fake it
 - Authenticity (one of the things we value at Grace)
 - We can worship bringing all of our emotions to the table
- God is inviting you to more...we never have to be thirsty again

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What is your definition of worship? What does worship mean to you?
2. What does it look like for you to worship in spirit and in truth?
3. How can you make your work and every part of your life worship?
4. How are you doing at being aware of God's invitations in every aspect of life?
5. How is God calling you to grow in responding to his invitations?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Mark 6 Tues: Mark 7 Wed: Mark 8 Thurs: Mark 9 Fri: Mark 10

Songs from the weekend: [This Is Amazing Grace - *Phil Wickham*] - [Raise a Hallelujah - *Bethel Music*] - [Do It Again - *Elevation Worship*] - [Everlasting God - *William Murphy*]