

Worth-Shape

Worship Through the Bible: Part 1

Sunday Nov. 6, 2016

1. The English word “worship” comes from two Old English words: *weorth*, which means “worth,” and *scipe* or *ship*, which means something like “shape” or “quality.”
2. Worth-shape: Whatever we worship shapes us.
3. Worship in the Bible
 - Before Moses
 - Moses and the tabernacle (Isa. 1:11-17)
4. Why do I come to church? Is it out of ritual? Or do I see it as an opportunity to praise God together, learn more about Him, and refocus my life and purpose for another week?!
5. How much time do I spend talking to God in a given week? How much time do I spend listening to Him/reading His word? How does this compare to the time I spend with my best friend or family member? What might it look like if I reminded myself that I *get to* talk to and listen to the God of the universe at any time – because He adores me?!
6. What needs to change in my day-to-day life to make it more consistent with my participation in a Sunday morning worship service? I know I don’t need to be perfect – but I also don’t want to be hypocritical.
7. Worship in the Bible
 - Before Moses
 - Moses and the tabernacle
 - David and the temple (1 Chron. 25:1-5)
8. What might we offer to our time of worship on Sunday mornings? Set-Up? Sound Operator? Video Operator? Singer? Player? Testimony? Prayer? Scripture Reading? Creative Word? Song Writing? Drama? Artistic Expression? Something else?
9. Worship in the Bible
 - Before Moses
 - Moses and the tabernacle
 - David and the temple
 - The synagogue (Neh. 8:4-8)

10. Do we have a high regard for the Scriptures? Are we struck by the Word of God? When we read it or hear it – do we remind ourselves that this is God speaking to us? Do we let it sink into our hearts and let it transform us – shape us into becoming more and more like the One whom we follow, Jesus Christ?

Study Notes

DISCUSSION

1. What was your favorite scene in Marvel’s *Avengers*?

2. Pastor Rob talked about a scene in the movie. Here is its link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsbH_ljJ1fY

How does this scene portray worship and how doesn’t it?

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3. Read 1 Pt. 2:9. How do we “declare the praises” of God?

4. How does the OT and NT commandment to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength relate to worship (Deut. 6:5; Mt. 22:37; Mk. 12:30-31; Lk. 10:27)?

5. What trend(s) – if any – do you see in worship from Genesis to Jesus?

APPLICATION

6. Discuss any or all of the questions in the teaching notes: 4, 5, 6, 8, or 10.

7. What will you do this week to enjoy God and get to know Him better?