



PART 2: MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

Sermon Notes

Text: Matthew 28:16-17, Romans 11:33-12:2

Introduction:

The most important worship happens Monday through Saturday.

1. The Pattern of Worship

i. Glory

Romans 11:36 "To [God] be the *glory* forever! Amen."

ii. Offering

Romans 12:1 "*offer* your bodies"

iii. Sacrifice

Romans 12:1 "as a living *sacrifice*"

The root of all sin is misappropriated worship.

Romans 6:12 "do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires."

Romans 1:23 "exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles."

2. The Purpose of Worship

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Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Colossians 3:10 "put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."

The purpose of worship is not to fulfill God's need; it is to fulfill our need: Our need for transformation.

"What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or for restoration." ~ Greg Beale

"You become like what you worship. When you gaze in awe, admiration, and wonder at something or someone, you begin to take on something of the character of the object of your worship." ~N.T. Wright

3. The Pursuit of Worship

John 4:23-24

"...true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

It's the Father who seeks worshipers, not worshipers who seek the Father.

Worship is about experiencing the presence of the one who has sought you out and found you.

Jesus gave up his **glory** and became a man because it was the only way to pursue us.

Jesus **offered** himself because it was the only way to find us.

Jesus **sacrificed** himself, because it was the only way to save us.

Bethel Church Penticton - Sunday, October 18, 2015 - Pastor Dave Funk

Life Group Discussion

1. Warm up: When you were a kid, did you have a hard time understanding what your parents did at work all week? What did you imagine they did? Is it sometimes hard to figure out what a Christian is supposed to do all week?

2. We often reduce worship to “something that happens on Sundays.” What’s the difference between corporate worship during a Sunday gathering, and whole life worship expressed Monday through Saturday?
 - What is the value of corporate Sunday worship?
 - What, other than singing, should be included in our definition of Christian worship?

3. Read Romans 11:33-12:2 and review the three-step pattern of worship: Glory - Offering - Sacrifice. Pastor Dave used the example of sports. How does this pattern play out with other potential idols? Be specific (e.g. money, food, possessions, celebrities).

4. Discuss the quote from Greg Beale: “What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or for restoration.” What does this mean? How does worship produce this result? Can you see it in your own life?

5. In John 4, Jesus talks about worship with the Samaritan woman at the well (Read v. 19-26). What is Jesus saying? How do you worship in Spirit and Truth (v. 23-24)?

6. Romans 12:2 ends with these words: “Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Paul claims that this will be the result of “true and proper” worship. Why do you think worship enables us to understand and approve of God’s will?

7. Pray together:
 - a) Pray for a passion for worship both on Sunday and all through the week.

 - b) Other requests:
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