



September 8 – Loving Jesus...Through a Heart of Worship

How do we love Jesus? Well of course we would say you can love Jesus through worship – we’re a church after all! But what does loving Jesus through a heart of worship really look like? Is it just showing up at a specified place and time on a Sunday morning? Or perhaps is there something more? Does it perhaps have anything to do with how we live our entire lives? And the heart attitude we bring? Join us this weekend as we discover anew what it means to worship Jesus: as individuals and as a community!

Scripture:

2 Samuel 6: 12-22 Then King David was told, “The Lord has blessed Obed-edom’s household and everything he has because of the Ark of God.” So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. ¹³ After the men who were carrying the Ark of the Lord had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. ¹⁴ And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. ¹⁵ So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams’ horns. ¹⁶ But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him. ¹⁷ They brought the Ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it. And David sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings to the Lord. ¹⁸ When he had finished his sacrifices, David blessed the people in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. ¹⁹ Then he gave to every Israelite man and woman in the crowd a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, ^[a] and a cake of raisins. Then all the people returned to their homes. ²⁰ When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, “How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!” ²¹ David retorted to Michal, “I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord. ²² Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes!

Romans 11:33-12:2 Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! ³⁴ For who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? ³⁵ And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? ³⁶ For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Questions:

- What is your favorite way to worship God? Have you ever tried anything different? How open are you to worshipping God in new or different ways?
- We often approach worship as something that is provided for us by a church. But what if worship is more about our heart condition than about what’s presented? How is your heart condition when it comes to worshipping God?
- This week, try a different way of worshipping God – maybe take a walk with the intent to really see God’s creation around you. Maybe listen to a song and really think about the words – let them seep into your soul. Maybe sit outside somewhere or someplace cozy and offer words of praise and honor to God. Try it and see what happens in your heart.

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Psalm 95:1-6

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 16:29

Wednesday: Colossians 3:14-17

Thursday: Exodus 20:1-6

Friday: Hebrews 12:28-29