

## First Things First Series Establishes Building Blocks in Discipleship

Week 1-Know God through His Word. Week 2-Pray. Week 3-Worship.

### ♦ What is worship? Why do we worship? Romans 12:1

James' ongoing wood project – the smaller something is, the more precise it needs to be.

Small mistakes have a big impact on small projects.

Success comes from doing little things well! Like worship.

### ♦ Worship

- is not complicated, but it is precise.
- is the expression of reverence.
- means to bow down in the original language – Shachah.
- defined: Worth = Value of something; Ship = Conceding to that value.
- The Modern Church denotes the word worship as music but it is so much more.
- Worship in God's Word is what we bow down to.
- True worship is an act of the will where we consciously serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

What do you bow down to in your life? to self? our feelings? desires? pleasures?

### ♦ Genesis 22:5 Law of first mention (first time it is mentioned in God's Word).

- Genesis 22:5 worship is first mentioned. *"We will worship and we will return to you."*
- Abraham's worship in God was led by his faith, not by his feelings.
- Worship is the only thing that we can give to God that He has not already given to us.
- Worship is about an altar and a sacrifice.
- Anything we lose in worship is gained back in other ways.
- Trust God more than our feelings.

### ♦ 1 Kings 18 Story of Ahab (King of Israel) and Jezebel (Ahab's wife) showed wickedness to Israel & Elijah.

- They divided worship between God and false gods.
- Elijah's demonstration against idols shows his trust and the power of the Lord.
- Worship to false gods leads to failure.
- God's fire fell on Elijah's sacrifice and faith.

### ♦ We can change all of our behaviors and never change our worship.

- God is concerned about how we live and our conduct but
- God is more concerned about the inside. He is after our affections – our hearts – our worship.
- Romans 12:1 *I urge you* – It's a matter of our will.
- Trust God with our pain AND our possessions. He wants it ALL.

Is our worship based on what we are willing to lose (give-up)? or what we are willing to sacrifice (giving it all)?

Are we willing to give God our trash or ALL our treasures?

## Bible References:

Romans 12:1

Genesis 22:5

1 Kings 18:1-46

1 Kings 16

Deuteronomy 6

Hebrews 11:6

Revelations 3:16

Romans 12:1