



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2 – WORSHIP MATTERS

TENSION QUESTION

Who are you worshipping today?

¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

– Luke 18:10-14 NIV

WHO ARE YOU WORSHIP TODAY?

- The bigger question: Who will you worship _____ ?
- What worship is: Our _____ to what we value most.
- What worship does: Conforms us to _____ we worship.
- What worship requires: Isaiah 6:1-8
 1. Seeing God for who _____ . vs. 1-4
 2. Seeing ourselves as God _____ . vs. 5-7
 3. _____ to our world as God would. vs. 8

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

– Colossians 3:17 NIV

Everything begins and ends with God, so everything begins and ends with worship.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What are some things in our lives that can take God's place in being the controlling passion of our lives?
2. What are some ways we can tell if this is happening?
3. When participating in corporate worship, what are some of the things that can become distractive and keep us from centering our mind and heart on God?
4. In Jesus' parable of the two worshippers, he specifically identified the two as a Pharisee and a tax collector. Why do you suppose he didn't just say; "Two people went up to the temple to pray?"
5. Isaiah's worship of God was life-transforming. Why was that?
6. If our worship of God doesn't result in real life-change, have we really worshipped God?
7. Was there one thing God spoke to you about during the message? Is there one thing you can do this week to incorporate his conviction and direction into your life?
8. What are the occasions in your life when you just find yourself praising God for who he is or what he has done? Are there things we can do to increase that ongoing worship of God in our lives?

SUGGESTED RESOURCE

"The Air I Breathe" by Louie Giglio