

## Digging Deeper Sermon Study

1. What does worship mean to you? Describe a time when you've felt most worshipful.
2. Why do you think people have argued so much about how to worship God?
3. Which of the three things that can lead to worship (Thankfulness, Truth, and Sacrifice/Suffering) have you experienced recently.
4. **Read Genesis 2:20-23** together. What do you think it means to worship God in Thankfulness for you, today?
5. **Read John 4:22-24 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9** together. How are these two passages similar? What does it look like to worship God in Truth?
6. **Read Job 1:20-21 and 1st Corinthians 1:3-10** together. How are these passages similar? What does it take to be worshipful in suffering?
7. What are ways you can worship God this week in your daily routines? Are there any parts of your life where it's been difficult to worship?

## What is Worship?

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### 1. Why do we differ so much on \_\_\_\_\_?

"Throughout Christian history, public worship has attracted attention, stimulated discussion, and even provoked contention. Christ-followers have debated over controversial issues - when and whom to baptize, how to observe Holy Communion, how often and how long to preach - only to watch those debates degenerate into rancorous fights and full-blown schisms. For example, Eastern and Western churchmen fought over the role of icons [artwork or artifacts used as guides] in worship, eventually dividing Christendom; Calvinists killed Anabaptists over the baptism question [which is interesting considering we at CrossWinds have elements from both in our worship, showing that they could actually get along together]; Luther split with Zwingli over the meaning of the Lord's Supper [interestingly, both would disagree with us today]; and Puritans separated from Anglicans over the priority of the preached Word." from Paul A. Basden, *Exploring the Worship Spectrum: 6 Views*. (Grand Rapids; Zondervan, 2004) p .11.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God leads to worship.

*The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Genesis 2:20-23 (ESV)*

### 3. Knowing \_\_\_\_\_ leads to worship.

*“You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:22-24 (ESV)*

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV)*

*“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9 (ESV)*

#### **4. \_\_\_\_\_ is a form of worship.**

*“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)*

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)*

#### **5. As Christians, there is even worship in our**

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*“Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job 1:20-21 (ESV)*

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (ESV)*

*“For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.” 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 (ESV)*

#### **Notes:**