

ON PURPOSE EXALTING GOD

Aim: To explore our church's number one goal to exalt God in all that we do.

Open:

Read *Mark 12:28-34*

- How would you explain “worship” to a child? What is it?
- How does this “greatest command” further define true worship?
- How does *Romans 12:1-2* further define worship?
- Does worship end when you walk out of the worship service? Why not?
- Think about a typical worship service at church. What “acts of worship” connect with our hearts? Our minds? Our bodies?
- What sorts of things do you do to worship God...
 - ... with your heart?
 - ... with your soul?
 - ... with your mind?
 - ... with all of your strength?

Discuss

- Jim identified some common “misconceptions” about worship in this morning’s lesson. Which do you think is the biggest or most commonly held?
- Can you identify other common “misconceptions” about worship?
- Think of a time when you felt especially close to God in worship. What made it special for you? Was it the songs, the atmosphere, the location, the preaching, the occasion? What was it?
- What do you do in your own life to prepare yourself (heart, soul, mind, body) for worship on Sunday mornings? What *could* we do?
- What distracts you in your worship? What can be done to eliminate or minimize those distractions in your life?
- You’ve had a week to think about it... now, how would you rate the worship services in our church? (1- very weak; 10- very strong)
- Brainstorm some practical suggestions that we might think of to help you in your worship at Washington Street?

Pray

How can our group pray for YOU tonight?

