

A HEART OF WORSHIP

THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

How can I really worship God in everything I do?

BIG IDEA

Worshiping God in everything we do means carrying the heart of Jesus in all areas of life. All of us, whether we are in ministry or working as an engineer, are called to worship God in everything we do.

SCRIPTURE USED

Romans 12:1-2 *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. ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Matthew 19:16-22 *Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ "Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ "Which ones?" the man asked. And Jesus replied: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰ "I've obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied. "What else must I do?" ²¹ Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 *So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

For this lesson you will need:

- Two blank pieces of paper for each student
- Pen or pencil for each student
- Worship music

OPENER

ASK

Today we are going to be talking about worshipping God in everything that we do. But before we start, I want to ask one simple question: What is worship?

Before you answer the question, I am going to hand out pieces of paper for you to each write down what you think worship means. You are allowed to express your understanding of worship in any way you would like. For instance, you could write a sentence, draw a picture or write down several defining words. Don't write your name on the paper. I'm going to collect them and read or show what everyone wrote.

Give the students five minutes to complete their definitions of worship. Once the time is up, have them put the papers face down. Collect the papers and begin reading or showing each response.

LESSON

EXPLAIN

People often times think of worship as a religious experience, but did you know that you could worship anything? If we understand worship as a deep respect and love toward something or someone, then there are a lot of different things that we can worship.

[Share a personal story of someone who worshiped something other than God]
I want to share a personal story with you of a guy I knew in middle school named John.

When I was younger, I had a friend named John who loved playing video games. Like a lot of young people today, he couldn't get enough of it. When a new game came out, he had to be among the first to buy it. He had all of the video game consoles to play whatever game he wanted. Sure enough during summer, he would be indoors playing his favorite games for hours.

School was a hard experience for John; it kept him away from playing his precious games. But he made do by sneaking in a portable gaming console. He would tune out his teachers in class as he drifted off into his digital