

The Priority of Worship

Revelation 22:8-9, John 4:21-24; Matthew 15:8-9

Whatever the style, worship is a focal point for the health and vitality of every church.

We are worshippers. God is the audience of our worship.

1. God is More Concerned about Your Lifestyle than Your Worship Style. (Rev. 22:8-9)

Revelation 22:8-9 gives the simple command, "Worship God!"

John Piper: "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him."

The essence of worship is cherishing Christ.

2. God is More Concerned about What's Inside than What's Outside (John 4:21-24)

Jesus' main concern for the Woman at the Well was that she would know the object of her worship...not where she would worship...not how she would worship.

"in spirit" = carried along by the Holy Spirit.

"in truth" = responding to the Biblical view of God.

How you SEE God will determine how you worship God!

3. God is More Concerned for His Children than Our Ceremony. (Matthew 15:8-9)

God shifts the whole thrust of worship to what is happening in the heart...your heart.

Bruce Leafblad, SWBTS, wrote, "Worship is that process in which we make God first in our lives."

Questions to Discuss:

1. What should be the guiding principles for our worship?
2. Is our worship focused on God or our likes and dislikes?
3. Do any changes need to be considered to reach our Harvest field?