

Discussion Guide

“Beyond Sunday”: The Extension of Worship

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Big Idea

Our actions are an extension of our worship toward our Savior. We worship God through sacrificial love.



Icebreaker

Fall is here! We often may be tempted to dislike it because of what comes after but what have you found about fall that helps you to enjoy it?



Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 John 3:16-18. What is, or was, the foundation upon which Jesus demonstrated His love for us? What is to be our response to that? Share a time that you maybe experienced that through a church you were a part of, or a fellow Christian?
2. Read Hebrews 13:15-16. How much, or how often, are we to worship God based on this passage? How is it possible to do that? This passage talks about something that *pleases God*. What is it and why do you think us doing this pleases God?
3. We talked about how part of our worship is making sacrifices to be in the community of believers (i.e. church attendance, community (small) groups, serving, etc.). Often churches tout the benefit of being a part of such a community, but it does take sacrifice. For you, what is the most challenging thing to overcome (sacrifice) in order to be an active part of the community of believers? How successful are you at successfully making that sacrifice?
4. Continuing with the thought of the sacrifice it takes to be a part of the community of believers from question 3, what benefits have you, or does one, realize by making that sacrifice and getting and staying engaged (maybe rattle off a list together as a group)?
5. Read Romans 11:36-12:1. We said that one thing in particular that we need to be cognoscente of and willing to sacrifice to be part of a community of believers (church), is our own personal agenda (or preferences). Have you ever thought about the sacrifice of that? What are some examples of what that sacrifice might look like or include? How do you feel about making that sacrifice? Is being willing to make some reasonable sacrifices important?



Concluding Question

Read Acts 2:42-47. Does this resemble the Church today (Revive Wesleyan or Church in general)? Draw upon your experiences to answer this (without maybe specifically naming any church or denomination & bashing it). How can you, personally, be a part of the solution versus just identifying a problem?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

-Pray that we would be can individually be a people who obey God & continually offer a sacrifice of praise!