

WORSHIP ON GOD'S TERMS

RETHINKING HOW WE WORSHIP

Sermon Questions

What is the overarching mission or purpose of the church? _____

Complete the 7 aspects of worship that we learn from Deuteronomy 12:

1. Worship is _____ by God.

(Regulative or Normative) Whatever is not expressly forbidden is permissible.

(Regulative or Normative) Whatever is not commanded is forbidden.

2. Worship is _____ and _____.

The second commandment is best understood as: Don't worship the true God in a false way.

3. Worship is not about _____.

What movement in the 80s changed the course of the modern church? _____

4. Worship requires _____.

What chapter in the NT reminds us that the sacrifices pointed to Christ? _____

5. Worship requires _____.

The tithe (10%) is still applicable as "God's tax" today? (Yes/No)

6. Worship is _____.

Segregation based on race, age, or musical tastes can be pleasing to the Lord if done right. (Yes/No)

7. Worship requires _____.

"As men become godless, they become _____."

Discussion Questions

1. Deuteronomy 12 challenges us to make worship about God and his glory rather than about us, our preferences, or attracting outsiders. How has the “seeker-sensitive” mindset subtly influenced your expectations of church services or your own approach to worship? What practical changes can you make this week to become more “God-sensitive” in how you prepare for and participate in worship?
2. The chapter teaches that true worship involves costly sacrifice and cheerful giving, beginning with the tithe. Looking at your time, talents, finances, and energy, how would you evaluate your current level of sacrificial worship? What is one specific step of obedience or generosity the Lord may be calling you to take as an act of worship?
3. The sermon emphasized that worship must be regulated by what God commands in Scripture rather than our own ideas or cultural preferences. In what areas of your personal or corporate worship life (music, prayer, service, etc.) are you most tempted to do things “your way” instead of God’s way? What would it look like for you to more fully submit to the regulative principle in those areas?
4. Worship in Deuteronomy 12 is communal, inclusive of the whole household and the Levites, and is repeatedly marked by joy. How can our church grow in practicing true biblical community in worship rather than individualized or preference-based gatherings? On a scale of 1–10, how much joy typically marks your worship, and what truths from this sermon (or from the gospel) can increase your joy in the Lord?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. God promises us joy as we worship him his way rather than our way. Have you experienced times of joy when you’ve obeyed God and lived according to his ways rather than your own?
2. As a child, what can you bring to God in worship? What are ways in which you could serve your family on Sunday as they prepare and gather to worship God?