

October 18
Week 4
Relationship with God: Worship

Text: Romans 11:36-12:1-2 – Jesus is the object of our worship

Main Point: We worship Jesus and we worship like Jesus.

This week we will continue to talk about worship. We will build on our definitions of worship (when you give your heart, glory, weight to something), glory (weight) and idols (anything you place before God) by talking about why Jesus should be the object of our worship and how we follow his example and worship him.

Questions:

1. Why do we worship Jesus? (You can review some of the verses looked at during the teaching time to emphasize that Jesus has always been worshipped and He is in the position to receive our glory.) (Isaiah 6:1-3, John 12:41, John 1:14, Hebrews 1:1-3, Revelation 5:11-13).
2. Why is Jesus the only person/thing we should worship? (This should flow from question one.)
3. How do we worship Jesus? (Make sure that the students understand that “doing good things” does not mean we are worshiping God.) We only worship when we give glory (weight: thoughts, words, actions, money, time) to something. However, there are things that we can do that should put us in a place to worship Jesus and make us more like Him.
4. Discuss the spiritual disciplines that we talked about (Bible reading, prayer, serving, silence/stillness, journaling, and community). Ask the students if they have ever done any of those things.
5. Read 1 Timothy 4:7 – The students need to “connect the dots” that if we are going to worship like Jesus then we have to “discipline” ourselves. Becoming like Jesus doesn’t happen by chance. Spend some time sharing how you have worshipped Jesus through some of these disciplines. It will also be helpful if they realize that doing these things does not always result in a “spiritual high” experience, but we should continue to do these things in order to worship Jesus, regardless of how we feel.