

LOVING LIFE, PART 17 • Satisfying Worship

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The Two-Fold Posture of Worship

1. True worship is not about a place, but a posture of **authentic satisfaction** (Spirit).
2. True worship is not about a place, but a posture of **authentic submission** (Truth).

Loving
Life
A journey
through
the Gospel of John

Questions:

1. "Satisfaction Guaranteed" is a promise that can be found on many different products in our culture today. What if that phrase were on the outside of your Bible? Is this, or is this not, your experience? Explain.
2. Matt reminded us that worship does not take place once-per-week for an hour and a half when we gather to sing songs at a religious service. Worship takes place 24 hours per day, seven days a week! Worship happens at home, at work, at play, etc. Worship is acknowledging God's enoughness and His supremacy. How is God "enough" for your family? For your career? For your finances?
3. Read Psalm 63:3-5, "*Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.*" Notice the aspect of soul satisfaction in this verse. How do the words of this Psalm connect with your heart today? Are you experiencing this sort of satisfaction regarding the core issues of life, or is this completely foreign to you? Discuss.
4. In John 4:23 Jesus says, "*True worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.*" Both spirit (satisfaction) and truth (submission) are necessary. Are you currently engaging in true worship of God? Why or why not?
5. Worship is not about doing what we think we should do, but about a heart attitude. This heart attitude is established when we understand the truth about Jesus Christ. In John 14:6 Jesus says, "*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*" When we begin to grasp the truth of Jesus Christ, the more willing we will be to submit our lives to Him. What does submission to this truth look like for you? How is your submission reflected in worship?
6. Matt quoted actor/comedian Jim Carey. The Hollywood star said "*I think everyone should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so that they can see that's not the answer.*" Jim Carey has realized what the answer is not. Similarly, Jesus Christ stated very clearly to the Samaritan women that He is the Living Water of total soul satisfaction – not marriage after marriage after marriage. The Messiah told her in John 4:26, "*I who speak to you am He.*" How are you drinking from Jesus, the Wellspring of life? When you quench your thirst with true satisfaction, how is this reflected in your worship of Him?