

What On Earth Am I Here For? Designed For and Defined by Worship

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Big Idea: You were designed to worship because you are defined by worship.

1. You worship because you were designed to. Romans 1:21-25

What is worship?

Psalm 29:2

Worth-shape

2. You are defined by worship because “those who worship idols become like them” Psalm 115:8

Deuteronomy 30:15-18

Examples: Fear, Family

21 minutes with God for 21 days challenge reading schedule:

To help start the habit of spending time with God, Pastor Brad gave the challenge to spend 21 minutes with God for 21 days. Here are some passages the focus on worship to help you this week as you take on this challenge.

- **Deuteronomy 6**
- **Joshua 24**
- **Psalm 86**
- **Psalm 89**
- **Psalm 95**
- **Psalm 115**
- **1 Peter 2**

Sermon questions

1. Look up the following terms in a dictionary and write down a brief definition in your own words:

Worship

Praise

Glorify

Obedience

Idol

2. Read **Romans 1:21-25**. What does Paul say people did in relation to God?

What was the result?

What does all this reveal to you about worship?

What does it mean to have a darkened heart? Can a person worship God with a darkened heart? How does one get rid of a darkened heart?

3. Read **Isaiah 44:9-20**. What do the idol worshipers believe about their idols?

What did their idol worship lead to?

What idols do people have today that give them a false sense of security about their destiny?

4. Read **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**. What choice does Moses place before the Israelites?

What results would come from their decision?

Does this apply to us today? How?

5. Read **Romans 12:1**. What is a living sacrifice? How does it relate to worshiping God? How can you obey this verse?

Read **1 Samuel 15:22-23**. What do these verses say about obedience and disobedience?

What do we worship when we disobey God?

6. How does what you do with your time, energy, resources, and money reflect what you truly worship?

How does your heart (thoughts, affections, choices) reveal what you truly worship?

7. Think back to your definition of an idol. Based on Pastor Steve's message, do you think you have any idols in your life? What are they? How did that idol become part of your life? What does this recognition of that idol mean to you?

8. Pastor Steve said in his message, "You can have obedience without worship, but you can't have worship without obedience." How does obedience connect with worship?

9. Perhaps you've had some new insights into your relationship with God during this pandemic. Perhaps you haven't been able to interact with your idols identified earlier. How will your understanding of worshiping God or your idols be different?

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **2 Samuel 16-18**
- **2 Samuel 19-20; Luke 18**
- **2 Samuel 21-22**
- **2 Samuel 23-24; Luke 19**
- **1 Kings 1-2**
- **1 Kings 3-5; Luke 20**
- **1 Kings 6-7**