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Being a 24/7 Worshiper Following Jesus Every Day Matthew 22:34-40 (Page 804, 980, or 990-991)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

Big Idea: Followers of Jesus turn everyday experiences into expressions of worship to God.

1. What is worship?

Worship is the believer's ______ of all that they are to all that God is and does.

2. Why do we worship God?

A. Because of _____ He is.

He is our creator. Revelation 4:11

He is our redeemer and savior. Revelation 5:9-12

B. Because of _____ He has done.

He sustains us. Colossians 1:16-17

As our Father, He showers us with good gifts. James 1:17

3. <u>How</u> are we to worship God?

A. We worship God by focusing our _____ on God.

Personal Worship: Give God your _____ and _____ attention every day. Psalm 1:1-3

- (1) Listen to God by reading and meditating on His Word.
- (2) Talk to God by telling him what's on your heart ACTS

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B. We worship God by expressing our ______ to God.

How can we express our affection to God?

- (1) Tell Him Psalm 145:1-3
- (2) Show Him
 - (a) Obey his word John 14:15
 - (b) Love other people John 13:34-35
- C. We worship God by using our ______ and assets for God. (Romans 12:1; Colossians 3:23-24)

When you change who you're working for, your work becomes worship!

In life it's not what you do that matters; it is Who you do it for.

Worship is a lifestyle for everyday followers of Jesus.

Worship is turning the common into the sacred.

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1. Read **Matthew 22:37-39**. The "heart" includes emotions, will and purpose. The "soul" is our spiritual faculty. The "mind" is the intellect, the thinking faculty. Which is your predominant connection with God, your heart, soul, or mind?

2. Read v.37 again. The Greek word for "love" means to esteem, indicating a direction of the will and finding one's joy in something or someone. How does knowing what Jesus means by love help you understand what He wants you to do?

 Someone has said, "Christian love has God for its primary object, and it expresses itself first in its implicit obedience to His commandments." Read John 14:15. Give an example from your life when you obeyed God out of love. 4. Eight out of the ten commandments Moses brought down from the mountain tell you what you shall *not* do. In **Matthew 22:37-39** Jesus tells you what you *should* do. If you follow Jesus' "greatest commandment", how will that obedience affect your obedience to the "You shall not" commandments?

5. Read **Romans 12:1** in your own Bible. Now read the same verse from *The Message*:

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him."

What do you learn from this verse about worshiping God? Can you give examples of how you can turn your daily life into meaningful worship of God?

6. Based on the verses you've studied, and Pastor Brad's sermon, write out what living a life of worship means to you.