



Part 4 – Mission

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Worship is _____ and _____ God. (Everything done in a church service is designed to help us do this.)

How has God revealed himself?

1. In a general way through _____.

Romans 1:20 (NIV) – *For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*

2. More specifically, through His _____.

- Through his _____ word.
- Through his _____ word, _____.

DANGER! We sometimes bring such a consumer, me-first mentality to church that we assume it’s the worship team’s job to bring us to the point where we feel like responding in worship.

* Such an attitude dethrones God as the object of worship and replaces him with our _____.

John 4:23-24 (NIV) – ²³ *Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.*

²⁴ *God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.*

- To worship God in spirit means to worship from the _____.
- To worship God in truth means to worship according to the truth of _____.

We need to worship God both _____ and _____.

- Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) – *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*
- Luke 5:16 (NIV) – *But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.*

How can we worship God publicly once each week when we do not care to worship Him privately throughout the week? Can we expect the flames of our worship of God to burn brightly in public on the Lord's Day when they barely flicker for Him in secret on other days? Could it be that our corporate worship experience often dissatisfies us because we do not pursue satisfying worship in private? (Donald Whitney)

Next Steps

- Has something in nature ever made me stop and think about God? When?
- How do I feel most comfortable expressing myself in worship to God?
- How has God revealed himself to me?
- Is it more difficult for me to worship God publicly or privately? Why?
- What can I do this week to prepare myself for public worship next Sunday?