



HELD TOGETHER

1. What is worship? What does it mean to glorify God? What would be the opposite of worship?
2. What does the word “fellowship” mean? Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. What does this passage say is the benefit of having fellowship with others? Read Philippians 2:1,2. What does this passage say that we should have in common with each other?
3. What does it mean to be a disciple of someone? Read John 8:31,32. What did Jesus say a disciple would do? In what three areas of our lives should we be like Jesus?
4. In what three ways are we called by God to serve other people? Think of some practical ways that you could serve others using your time, talents, and treasure. Are you involved at this time in serving other people? How? What are some ways you could serve others as a small group? Pastor Rick talked about finding out how you can serve others using your SHAPE, what do each of the letters of SHAPE stand for?
5. Read Mark 1:16,17. What was the very first way that Jesus told his disciples they would do if they followed him? What did he mean? Do you think a person can be a follower of Jesus and **not** fish for men? Are you a fisher of men? What keeps us from doing this?
6. So, of the five purposes that God wants us to do to be a follower of Jesus, which one needs work in your life? Which one do you think you are best at doing? How could you do all five as a small group, together?

Answers

1. *Worship is to put God at the center of your life, everything you do is done in a way that honors and pleases him. To bring glory to God happens when we do what pleases him and give him the credit for anything and everything we accomplish. It is acknowledging that he is the source of everything good in our lives. The opposite of worship would be pride and selfishness, to live our lives as if God does not exist.*
2. *The word fellowship literally means to “have things in common with”. Ecclesiastes 4 tells us that when we do things with a group of people we can get more done and when one member stumbles, the rest are there to uphold and lift him up. Philippians 2 says that we should all love the same thing,(Jesus) we should all have the same purpose,(God’s purposes) that we should all operate from the same spirit (Holy Spirit). These are the main things that we should have “fellowship” in and should unite us. We should all be working together to accomplish God’s will while we are on earth.*
3. *The word disciple literally means a “follower”. It is someone who imitates another person in the way they do things and in the things they believe. Jesus said that if we obey his teachings, that we will be his disciples and that the truth would be revealed to us. We should think about everything in life the same way Jesus would think about it, we should speak saying the same thing that Jesus would say, and we should respond to every situation in life the way Jesus would respond. WWJT,S,D—What would Jesus think, say, and do.*
4. *We are called by God to use our time, our talents (abilities) and our treasure (finances) in a sacrificial way to serve other people. S-Spiritual Gift; H—Heart (passions); A—Abilities; P—Personality; E—Experiences.*
5. *The very first thing Jesus told his disciples they would do if they followed him would be to fish for men. This means to share with people how they can trust in Jesus and have eternal life, to share the gospel with them. This is not optional, if you are not fishing for men, you are not following Jesus. What keeps us from doing this is usually fear; fear of not knowing what to say or fear of rejection from people.*