



1. What is worship? What are some things other than God that people worship?
Answer—To worship someone or something is to place that person/thing as having the highest priority in your life, it is the most important thing in your life. When we worship something, we have an attitude of reverence and respect for it.
2. Read Matthew 15:7-9 together. How did Jesus describe the religious leaders of his day? What did Jesus say was their problem? What do you think this means?
Answer – Jesus’ description was that they worship God with their lips but their hearts were far from him. So obviously worship is not the actions we take but our motive for those actions. Just because I sing in church does not necessarily mean that I truly worship God. Worship is the attitude or position that we place that person in our mind. If I say I worship God but do not obey him, I do not worship God.
3. Read Matthew 6:19-21 together. Do you think this passage in any way speaks to the idea of what it means to worship God? Why? What do you think it means when Jesus says “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”? How can we begin to “treasure” God?
4. Read Romans 12:1 and Colossians 3:17 and 21. Do you think that what these verses tell us has anything to do with worship of God? Do you think that if a person does not do what these verses say, that they can say that they worship God? Why or why not?
5. From what all of these verses say, what relationship exists between our motives and our actions when it comes to worshipping God?
Answer—Both are necessary. If I say that my motive is to worship God but then I do not do what God tells me to do, then I obviously do not worship God. If I do things that typically are seen as ways to worship God but I have not made God the highest, most important thing in my life, if I actually place myself as the most important thing, I do not worship God.