

OUR MISSION & MEASURES

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MAIN POINT

How are you worshipping and where are you investing?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

What are some things you associate with worship?

What are some things you associate with investing in God's work?

What things, if we aren't careful, do we worship and invest in instead of God?

> READ MATTHEW 22:37.

What are some common objects and relationships that rival God for our devotion?

The Great Commandment emphasizes loving God with all your heart, soul, and mind. What do each of those aspects of a person's being represent?

Of those three areas of your person, which is hardest for you to love God with on a regular basis? Why do you think that is?

> READ JOHN 4:23-24.

How should we worship God? Is God more concerned with appearance or the heart? How do you know? How do these verses shed light on what it means to truly worship?

In what ways do we make worship something other than it really is, like the Samaritan woman? What do we elevate to an unnecessary place in our worship?

> READ ROMANS 12:1.

Based on all that God has done for us, what should be our response? How do you understand the phrase "living sacrifice"? How is presenting yourself as a living sacrifice an act of worship?

Why should God's character lead us to surrender our lives in worship?

> READ MALACHI 3:10.

What does it mean to “bring the full tenth”? What does this tell us about the motives with which God wants us to give?

What does God promise to those who give this way (v. 10)? How is tithing more than a money issue? Why is it really a heart issue?

> READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:13 AND 2 CORINTHIANS 8:3-4.

How does our generosity bring glory and honor to God and lead others to invest in Him?

Thinking back to our conversation on worship, how is generosity an act of worship?

In 2 Corinthians 8, the Macedonians begged to give. How do you account for the Macedonian believers' generous spirit? What was their attitude toward giving of their resources?

> APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Worship goes beyond Sunday and investing goes beyond our wallets. In what other ways can we express our gratitude for what God has done for us?

Worship and investment are individual and corporate disciplines not typically associated with discipleship groups, but what would it look like for us to practice these as a group?

In your own words, summarize why “How are you worshipping?” and “Where are you investing?” are important measures that help us fulfill our mission: Building relationships that connect all people to God-sized life and love!