

We Become What We Worship

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GETTING STARTED

How do you represent your parents? In what ways do you look like or act like them?
If you have children, how do they represent you? In what ways do they look like you?

OVERVIEW

You were created to be a worshipping being - you were made to love and orient your heart and life around something. The question is not *whether* you will worship, but *what* you will worship, because you become like what you worship. Worship can either ruin or restore the image of God in us, so we must fix our eyes on Jesus and orient our lives around him in worship.

DIG DEEPER

1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read 1 John 3:1-3:** Why does John repeat that we are *children* of God?
 - [Bonus] How many times are “children” mentioned in 1st John? Why so many?
 - How does seeing someone make you more like them?
 - How do children become like their parents?
3. **Read Psalm 135:15-18:** What idols do you see our nation making and trusting in?
 - How has our nation become like the idols we have made?
 - Has the church created or trusted in any idols?

APPLY

4. How would you define “worship”? What does it look like for you, personally?
5. If you become what you worship, how do you know what you are *really* worshipping?
 - Look at your calendar and checkbook: what do they suggest you worship?
 - What makes you afraid or angry? What does that suggest is important to you?
6. Martin Luther says, “Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your god.”
 - What idols [gods] are most tempting for you to worship? Why?
7. **Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18:** How do we “turn to the Lord” in worship?
 - How can you *practically* worship the Lord *this week*?