

# CAFÉ CHURCH SERMON SERIES

## STUDY GUIDE



Theme: - What is Worship

Bible Readings: - Romans 12 v 1-3

Additional readings :- John 20 v 15-18, Luke 24 v30-33, Luke 1v39-41

Luke 1v46-48, Luke 2v25-32 and 36-38, Luke 10v38-42, Luke23 v 40-47, John 20v27

1Kings8v10-13, Heb9v11-12, Rom6v12-13, Romans8v11-13, 1Cor6v19-20, 1Kings8v62-63

### Reflection:

When considering the question 'What is worship?' We probably all have a varied and valid set of answers to this. Worship is not so much what we do, but more why we do it and indeed deeper than that, more who we are. The biblical examples above try to show what happens when people encounter Jesus and what their response is. As you can see above, their response does not necessarily involve a 7-verse hymn or a repeated chorus of "Shine Jesus Shine"; excellent examples of worship though these may be. "The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives"; all but sums up the other criminal on the cross next to Jesus.

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind", is Paul's exhortation at the start of the twelfth chapter and note the word used, not be influenced, or be affected, but transformation; a total and permanent change for the better and towards Christ by the renewing of our minds. And then what do we do with our transformed mind? We present it back to Jesus as our worship to him.

*'Surrounded by your glory, what will my heart feel? Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still. Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing halleluiah? Will I be able to sing at all?'*

What a set of questions to ask when considering worship, but one observation I would make is that rather than a journey into the imagination of the future, we are by grace through Christ by the presence of his Holy Spirit dwelling within each one of us, at that place of intimacy in worship now and will be for eternity.

### Questions?

1. Which aspect of worship do you enjoy most? (Use the scriptural examples above or your own)
2. Which forms of worship do you find more difficult to connect with?
3. What songs do we sing that encourage one another in worship?
4. When was the last time we sat at Jesus' feet, just because of who He is?

### Personal Application

When Jesus died on the cross, amongst other things, the veil of the temple was torn from top to bottom.

What do you think this meant to God?

By grace, what has this done to all our worship?