

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD

2 Samuel 6

Main Thought: In 2 Samuel 6, we discover some important lessons about worshipping the Lord.

1. WORSHIP THE LORD WITH _____
 - 1) God's holy presence was symbolized in the _____.
 - 2) God's holy _____ is an awesome thing.

2. WORSHIP THE LORD WITH _____
 - 1) Joyful _____ involves your whole being.
 - 2) Joyful worship involves _____.
 - 3) Joyful worship involves gladness and _____.

3. WORSHIP SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD'S _____.
 - 1) We follow the _____ not the world.
 - 2) We _____ and change when we're wrong.
 - 3) We come to God by way of His ordained _____.

4. WORSHIP IS DIRECTED TOWARD _____.
 - 1) _____ versus entertainment
 - 2) Worshippers should be more concerned about what _____ thinks than about what people think.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 2 Samuel 6 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Who did David gather? What was their purpose?

8. What is the ark of God? Why was the ark important? Why did David want to bring it to Jerusalem? Where had it been?

9. How did the people attempt to move the ark initially? Why "a new cart"? How had God prescribed that the ark be moved (see Ex. 25:14)? And by whom (see 1 Chr. 15:13-15; Num 4:15)?

10. How is Uzzah's act irreverent (see 1 Sam. 6:19)? What does God's action and anger toward Uzzah say about His holiness?

11. How did David respond? What happened when Obed-Edom had the ark at his house?

12. How did David's approach to moving the ark differ the second time around?

13. What characteristics of worship are displayed by David and the people? How did Michal feel about David's behavior in worshipping the Lord as the ark was brought to Jerusalem?

14. What is significant about Michal's bitterness, barrenness, and relation to Saul here?

15. What does David's reply to Michal reveal about his character?