

True Worshipers

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Question 1: What do you think is the greatest _____ you and I face as a worship leader and as worshipers?

Your heart.

John 4:23-24 (NLT) 23 But the time is coming - indeed it's here now - when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. 24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

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Matthew 15:8-9 (NLT) 8 These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 Their worship is a farce,

Matthew 22:37 (NIV) 37 Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

What we _____ most will determine what we genuinely _____.

The Great God values not the service of men, if the heart be not in it: The Lord sees and judges the heart; he has no regard to outward forms of worship, if there be no inward adoration, if no devout affection be employed therein. It is therefore a matter of infinite importance, to have the whole heart engaged steadfastly for God. Isaac Watts

He is seeking true worshipers who will worship the Father in _____ and in _____.

David Mathis said this about the meaning behind Matt Redman's song "The Heart Of Worship". The heart of worship is our heart, delighting in Jesus and expressing praise to him for the true things the Scriptures teach us about who he is and what he has accomplished for us. It is, then, "all about" Jesus, not us. It involves us, but we're at the periphery. He's at the center. He's the focus. It's his commands we consider first, not our preferences. Redman's song is about refocusing, and re-centering, and reminding ourselves why we worship - and who we worship.

Question 1: Are we _____ worshipers?

Question 2: Where is your _____ when it comes to _____?

Question 3: How do we _____ in spirit and truth?

Small Group Questions

1. How can you best prepare your heart for worship on Sunday morning?
2. How have you succeeded in worshiping with both Spirit and truth in your walk as a believer?
3. What other gods in your life do you worship? Do you worship them with more fervor than you do Jesus?
4. Glenn often asks us to be "thinking" worshippers, what does that mean to you?
5. Has your experience in worship on Sunday morning engaged the heart? How would worship be uncomfortable or painful without the heart being involved?
6. How do you help children, youth, and unbelievers participate in worship until they are ready for a "heart" change?