

Series: ⑦ *Core Values that drive Hope Community Church*

Core Value No. 1 - ***Worship: Everyone is wired for worship***

Text: Acts 16:16-34 (Memory Verse – Ex. 34:14)

Introduction: The word worship comes from an Old English word that means "worthship". The following are two important definitions found in Webster's dictionary:

- (1) to render religious reverence and homage to
- (2) to feel an adoring reverence or regard for (any person or thing).

Discussion Questions

- Do you believe most people associate the word "worship" with a practice, place, or person? Why?
A.

- If you are a Christian now, how has your understanding of worship changed over time?
A.

- Besides God, what other things are worshipped by people today?
A.

Application Questions

1. A true biblical definition of worship is reverent devotion and allegiance pledged to God alone. How is this definition clarified in the following scriptures?

Exodus 20:2-5 **A.**

Acts 10:25-26 **A.**

Rev. 22:8-9 **A.**

Isaiah 2:8 **A.**

2. After being thrown in jail, for winning people to Christ, Paul and Silas are found praying and singing. Why is this a pretty good indicator that they were true worshippers of Jesus? (Acts 16:25)
A.

3. Acts 16:25 says that the other prisoners were listening to them pray and sing. Why is this important?
A.

4. Before he got saved, it seems like the jailer's job was what he treasured/worshipped most in life (Acts 16:27-28). Before coming to Christ, who or what did you treasure/worship most? How tight of a grip did these people/things have on you?
A.

5. Because "everyone is wired for worship", it's not a matter of if we'll worship, but what we'll worship. What are some ways to measure how well we are worshipping Jesus Christ?
A.

6. How did the Apostle Paul respond when in the presence of idol worshippers? (Acts 17:16-17)
A.

Why is adopting his approach a reasonable one for us too? (Acts 17:22-34)

A.

Prayer - Ask God to show you what is keeping you from worshipping Him more with/through your life.