

Sermon Notes

Theological Reflections

11/30/2014

Sports

Playing

Watching

Idol?

Worshipping God or Sensual Indulgence?

An Examination of Contemporary Worship

(early references: Roman 12:1-2, 1 Kings 18)

Is worship supposed to be about sensational activity, emotional experience, or self pleasing?

Singing to the Lord

(ref.: Matt. 26:30, Acts 16:25, Heb. 2:9-12, Eph. 5:19)

Same-sex attraction and homosexual behavior

Marriage between one man and one woman

The Bible on homosexual practice

(ref. Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1)

Many other sins are put in the same category.

(ref.: Lev. 18, Deut. 25:13-16, Prov. 16:5)

Disobeying God in many ways, not just this way, is an abomination.

We need to treat them better. We need to reach out to them.

Spiritual family should be prioritized over family of origin.

(listen to sermon True Family from 12/22/2013)

The church can't be replaced.

Can't fully obey Jesus apart from the church

Application questions for 11-30-2104 sermon

Based on the assessment questions Christian gave, do you think sports is possibly an idol for you? Does sports at least have an inordinate position in your life?

Do you have the same level of devotion to God as you do to sports? Do you have the same level of enthusiasm for worshipping God as you do cheering for sports? Will you as readily share the gospel with someone as you will talk about your favorite sport team?

(This wasn't addressed in the message, but you could insert other obsessions, like a TV show or just entertainment in general, into these previous questions and assess yourself.)

How might you need to change in regard to this?

Are you seeking sensational activity, emotional experience, or personal pleasure out of a church worship experience? Or is your primary interest giving God praise, despite how you feel about the experience?

How might you need to change in regard to this?

Have you thought of homosexual behavior as an elite sin, worse than most other sins, and definitely worse than your sins?

Do you still see it that way? Do you think your view is truly biblical?

How might your view on this need to change?

How might your treatment need to change of people who identify themselves as homosexual? Do you need to treat them more kindly? Do you need to reach out?

Do you view your spiritual/church family as a higher priority than your family of origin?

Are you in process of changing that view?

Do you think you can do church just as easily on your own, as opposed to going to be with the church?

Do you think you can obey Jesus fully apart from the church?

If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, what do you do with what was presented in the message Sunday?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?