# **Wonder - Why Worship Matters**

Matt VanCleave September 10th, 2023

## **REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS**

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- □ I will commit to live a simpler life.
- □ I will identify which idol I wrestle with most and eliminate it from my life.
- □ I will not bow down to the idol of approval.
- □ I will give and serve and trust God with my future.
- □ I will put knowing and loving God above doing good works.

# THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

Worship is about God. It's not about me, or my preferred style, or my personal tastes, or getting my needs met. In worship we gather and encounter the presence of the Living God, and we declare his goodness and glory with our heart, soul, mind and strength. In this message we look at four ways worship gets off track. And then we commit ourselves to saying, "It's not going to happen to us. We're going to worship in a way that is Christ-centered."

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. In this message, Pastor Matt's first important note is that "worship is about God," how does worship help you connect with God?
- 2. Have you ever been "off track" with your worship?
- 3. In Exodus ch. 19, they go to Mt. Sanai to encounter God where is your Mt. Sanai?

- 4. Pastor Matt talks about preparing your spirit for worship what are some of the things you do to prepare yourself for worship? If you currently don't do anything, what are some ways you can prepare yourself?
- 5. How do you feel when you are fully tuned in to worship?
- 6. Do you have goals when you worship? What are they? If you don't, what goals will you set for yourself?

# **NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)**

- I will come ready to worship God in spirit and truth.
- □ I will come early and prepare my heart for worship.
- □ I will worship in a way that reflects my heart.

### **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

- Matthew 2:1-2
- 2 Chronicles 12:10
- Exodus 19
- Psalm 66:2
- 1 Corinthians 1:12
- 1 Corinthians 14
- John 4
- Isaiah 29:13

### **Prayer Request(s)**

