

Sermon Questions

Genesis 4:1-16

This week we discussed the need to evaluate our worship. For many of us even when we know the answers to the questions we are being asked we are uncomfortable with people prying into our lives. This week's four question quiz was an opportunity for all of us to allow the LORD to help evaluate our worship of Him. This is important for us to understand because the worship of the LORD Jesus Christ is paramount to our relationship with God and brings us the greatest joy. The good news about this quiz is that even if we are not doing well we can start afresh through confession and repentance.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Evaluate Your Worship **Genesis 4:1-16**

Are you growing in your...

Religious practice or faithful worship that gains God's attention? (1-5)

Hatred or love for God and those who faithfully worship Him? (6-8)

Hardness or tenderness of heart towards God and repentance? (9-14)

Distance from or a hunger for God's presence? (15-16)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email to bravechurch.online/connect/group and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. When you consider your worship of the LORD does it seem more like a religious ritual or genuine worship? Explain. What are some of the religious rituals that are easy to adopt in our culture?
2. Why is faith an important component to our worship? How does worshipping in faith differ from just going through the motions?
3. Why did God look with favor upon Abel's offering but not on Cain's (see 1 John 3:12)? If Cain didn't bring God genuine worship then why was Cain upset that God

didn't approve of his offering? What can we learn from this? How can you bring better worship to the LORD?

4. What may be a way in your life that your worship is not pleasing to God? What needs to change? Why? Are you willing to align your worship with the LORD? When do you plan to start making changes?
5. How would you describe your current love for God? How would you describe your current love for God's people? How are these two questions related? How is our love for God's people an expression of our worship for Him?
6. Where do you struggle to love God's people? His church? Why? What needs to change in your life?
7. Would you describe your heart as hard or tender towards God and repentance? Explain. When was the last time you repented? What did you repent about? How have things changed as a result?
8. What is the difference between repentance and making behavioral modifications? How important is turning a complete 180 degrees when you repent? Why is both turning away from sin AND turning to the LORD important? What happens if we only turn away from sin but don't turn all the way to the LORD?
9. Is there a growing distance from God a greater hunger for God in your life? Explain. What is the result of hungering and thirsting for God (Matthew 5:6)? How is growing in your satisfaction with God a good sign? Why is a growing distance in your relationship with God a concern?
10. How did you score on this week's four question worship quiz? What areas do you need to change? Where do you need to repent and turn to Christ? What are you willing to change right now so that your worship of God continues to grow?