

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 and John 10:11-38 Series: *Knowing God #1B*
Singing: 282:1-4 – 123:1 – 112:2-4 – 422:3-4 – 266:1-3

Intro Question: What is a church?

A. As fellow believers we called to co-share our burdens (Gal. 6:2)

1. None did this more intimate than Jesus Christ

2. Yet in Jesus we are to see the *Father* as the Seeking Shepherd (John 4:23b)

a. OT reveals ‘glimpses’ of the Father’s glory (Ex. 34)

b. NT reveals the Father fully in His Son Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:2)

c. Jesus’ own life and ministry reveals the Father as seeking (John 10)

JESUS REVEALS GOD THE FATHER

I. The seeking Father II. The Father seeking our worship

II. The Father seeks *that we would worship Him*

A. The verse allows different emphasis: to worship **HIM** or **WORSHIP Him**

1. To worship **HIM** is the *first table of the Law*

a. It is God’s commandment: Ex. 20:2; Ps. 45:10-11; 95:6

b. It is God’s plea: Is. 42:1-4, Jer. 10:1-5

c. It is the best and safest thing to do: Ps. 118:8

B. Second emphasis is that *Father seeketh such to worship Him* (vs. 20-24)

1. Definition of worship of God: *our soul response to God’s glory!*

2. Jesus reveals that the Father *seeks your worship of Him*

a. the definite place of worship is not important (vs. 21)

● compare to 1 Kings 9:3; 2 Kings 21:7

b. what matters most is *Who and How* we worship (vs. 23)

C. Jesus reveals He seeks your *worship in spirit & in truth*

1. in spirit defined

2. in truth defined

3. A Biblical worship-service is *actively serving God in worshipping Him*
 - a. coming to church is not *to be a spectator but a worshipper of God*
 - b. be in constant prayer for Spirit's influences as you hear God
 - c. pray against the tendency to *get* instead of to *give*

D. The worship is to be expressed in various spiritual responses

1. Each response *depends on how or what God reveals of Himself*
 - a. response of awe – astonishment – adoration
 - b. response of confession of sin
 - c. response of repentance
 - d. response of trusting or receiving His Son
 - e. response of thanksgiving

Finally: *We are called to an everlasting preoccupation with God!* (Tozer)

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,
hath shined in our hearts,
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 4:6)

THOUGHTS TO PONDER OR DISCUSS ...

1. Is it true what one said, "Worship, then, is not part of the Christian life. It is the Christian life?"
2. What hinders us spiritually in worshipping God truly?
3. Above 5 examples of worship were listed. Seek a Biblical example to each response.
4. Are there other responses to God's revelation that are worship in spirit and truth?
5. Is it Biblical to express your worship of God in a physical or material way or must it exclusively be spiritual?