

# How to tell God that we love Him.

*"To express our love to God is what worship is."*

## Small Group Notes

The heart of the Christian life can be summed up in one word "**relationship**".

**Matthew 22:37-38** (niv)

The Bible says that expressing our love to God is called **worship**.

There are six ways of expressing our worship or love to God;

### 1. By **SINGING** to God.

**Psalms 147:7** (tlb) *Sing out your thanks to Him; sing praises to our God...*

### 2. By **TALKING** to God.

**Psalms 116:1-2** (nlt) *I love the Lord because He hears and answers my prayers. Because He bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I have breath!*

### 3. By **LISTENING** to God.

How does God speak to us?

- i. Through the Bible
- ii. Through life experiences
- iii. Through other people
- iv. Through the Holy Spirit

### 4. By publicly **IDENTIFYING** with God.

**Mark 8:38** (icb) *If anyone is ashamed of Me and My teaching then I will be ashamed of him when I come with the glory of My Father...*

There are two important ways we can identify ourselves with Jesus.

1. Communion
2. Water Baptism

## 5. By being COMMITTED to God.

**2 Chronicles 16:9a** (nlt) *The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him...*

Our everyday life can and should worship God.

**Romans 12:1** (msg) *Take your everyday, ordinary life, your sleeping, eating, going to work and walking around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him.*

## 6. By GIVING to God.

**2 Corinthians 9:6** (niv)

We need to give with the right attitude!

**2 Corinthians 9:7** (nlt) *You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.*

Our attitude with our money represents our heart attitude.

**Matthew 6:21** (nlt) *Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be.*

## ... Discussion

- When you hear the word “**worship**” what is the first thing that comes to your mind? Read out aloud **Romans 12:1** and how would you define worship from this verse in your own words?
- According to **Matthew 22:37**, what is God’s greatest priority for your life? How does this compare to what you see your greatest priority in life is?
- How does living a life of worship (loving God) help you love the people around you?
- What barriers keep you from dedicating your life to God?
- How can the general perception of worshipping God is confined to a time of corporate singing on a Sunday for 30 minutes can be change in people’s minds to what worship is really all about? Give practical suggestions.