



What Would Jesus Undo: wk2 Empty Worship

Introduction: Sometimes we just go through the motions but God wants more from us than empty rituals, he wants our hearts. What if we understood worship in a way that helped us direct all of our heart to Him?

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever received a gift that made it clear that the giver had not thought about it in any way? How did that make you feel?
2. Have you ever been excited to give a gift and the receiver didn't act nearly as excited as you hoped? What is that like? If you think about the gifts that Jesus gives us-what can you name? Is there still any excitement about those things?
3. **Read Matthew 15:1-2** Why are the Pharisees concerned with whether the disciples wash their hands? What are things that can be part of worship-but if we aren't careful can be just for show?
4. **Read Matthew 15:3-9** What is God primarily concerned about with worship? Can you name different ways in which worship was expressed throughout scripture?
5. **Read Romans 12:1-2** What is worship? How can you offer your body as a living sacrifice-what does that mean?
6. How can making worship a "habit" be good and bad? How can you protect against worship becoming a mindless or emotionless experience?

Shaping Your Mind - *Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship*

Moving Forward – Worship is both a condition of your heart and a lifestyle. Order your life around praising God with your every activity.