

**Sermon Notes:**

**Text: Hebrews 10:22-25, Matthew 22:36-39, John 13:34-35**

“Worship is our response to what we value most”

What am I putting value on? Is it worthy enough?

How do I know what I am placing too much value on?

-Look at where you spend your: Time, Money, Affection, Energy.

**Hebrews 10:22**

Jesus gives us confidence to enter right into God’s presence

Worship is a personal thing, but it is also something that we do together

Jesus declaring to his disciples before his death said “I will build my **Ekklesia**, and the gates of hell will not conquer it.

**Ekklesia** means a gathering(assembly) of people united by common identity and purpose.

A **kirche (church)** is a location, a tabernacle or Temple.

**Matthew 22:36-39, vs. John 13:34-35**

“We are to love our neighbour as ourselves, but we are to love our fellow-Christians as, Christ loved us, and that is far more than we love ourselves.” (Spurgeon)

So when we come together we place value on God and we place value on each other. That is true worship unto God.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

**Faith** and **hope** can be practiced by a solitary, in a hermit’s cell or on a desert island. But the exercise of **love** is possible only in a community.” (Robinson)

When Jesus told His 12 disciples to love each other the way He loved them. I think there is a general application here of loving everyone, but when He said this he was comparing specifically how he had loved His 12 disciples.

That was his small group. He had the capacity to pour into them in a way that he couldn’t do with the crowds even though he obviously loved them and demonstrated that as well.

With our culture and church size of today it is hard to fully love everyone in the church at the same level and to develop a close relationship with all. That is the purpose of small groups.

within Gateway we call them Life Groups.

**What is the purpose of Life groups?**

to develop close, Christ centred relationships within Gateway.

## Life Group Discussion

### Warm Up:

1. What comes to your mind when you think of worship? Have you ever had an interesting experience in a worship service?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's Sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

### Study & Discussion:

In this weeks message we talked about how our worship isn't just something between us and God, but it is something that affects our fellow Christians and something that is meant to be done together.

Read John 13:34-35 together.

-What can this look like for us as disciples in 2019?

Read Hebrews 10:24-25 together.

-What do you think was happening in these early church's to cause the writer to exhort them in this way?

Read John 4:1-24

-In your opinion what was the average persons view of worship in Jesus day?

-For this Samaritan woman what was her worship Dilemma? How would you sum up Jesus answer to this dilemma in your own words?

### Application:

If worship is responding to what we value most:

Taking an inventory of your life is there a place you think that you might be placing too much value?

In what ways would you like to improve your worship?

### Prayer:

1. Ask for individual prayer requests
2. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for?