

WHAT'S HOLDING US UP?

Week 1: Authentic Worship

Matthew 22.36-38

There are a few essentials that are holding us up, supporting us as a church. If they are not there, we are missing a critical part of who we are called to be as the people of God. These essentials can be found in Jesus' teachings in Matthew 22 and 28. At Beaver Dam, we call these our Four (4) Pillars.

The Greatest Commandment

"... which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22.36-38

- Our primary objective as followers of Jesus: **LOVING GOD**

- Another word for loving God: **WORSHIP**

Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.

Matthew 4.10

Different expressions of worship:

- * **Singing**

...speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord... Ephesians 5.19-20

- * **Praying**

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.....

Psalms 95.6

- * **Communion:** 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

- * **Serving:** 1 Peter 4.8-11

- * **Giving:** Exodus 35.21-29, Luke 21.1-4, Matthew 6.2-4

- * **Responding to God's Word**

Sanctify them to live in accordance with the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:17

- In fact, we worship God with our **LIFESTYLE**.

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.

Romans 12.1

- Jesus tells us that true worship is worshiping God in **SPIRIT** and in **TRUTH**.

For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

John 4.24 NLT

In Spirit: we can worship God anywhere, from the depths of our being.

In Truth: in complete sincerity and genuineness, never mindless nor based on ignorance. With passion and joy.

The 1st pillar of Beaver Dam is **AUTHENTIC WORSHIP**.

"If we haven't learned to be worshipers it doesn't really matter how well we do anything else."

pastor and author- Erwin Lutzer

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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