

“HEART WORSHIP: LOVING GOD WITH OUR CHOICES”

Series: Experiencing God in Worship

In The Experiential Worshiper, Bob Rognlien says, “In the Bible, the word ‘heart’ points to *human will*, that amazing and terrifying power of choice God gave when he created us...To love God with all our heart is to choose worship as a response to God’s grace.” What other choices do we have other than worship – especially on Sunday morning (in church or out)?

Why does God give us a choice? How does choice make a difference in a love relationship?

What is your definition of love? What does Dr. Martin mean when he says that the Biblical understanding of love is commitment? How does this understanding differ from the popular culture? Where is it the same?

What does loving God with our choices have to do with commitment?

What might Tiger Woods understanding of love be? How does it relate to commitment and choices? What is the most loving way to love someone?

What choices have you made that changed your future? What small choices led up to that point? How did these choices honor God, or did they?

What does it mean to “align our will with the will of God?” What does this have to do with worship?

Bob Rognlein: “When you make a deliberate choice to thank, honor, or glorify God, receive forgiveness, listen to his Word, or submit to God’s will, you are worshiping God with your heart.” Describe a time when the choices you made in worship out of your love for God changed the direction of your life (large or small).

What do you think St. Augustine meant when he said, “Love God, and do as you please?” (see Romans 6:1-2)

Read Philippians 2:12-16. What does Paul mean here to “work out your own salvation?” Where does our ability to make godly choices come from, according to verse 13?