

3D ART FORMS

Series: Worship and the Creative Arts

What sculptures, statues or architectural structures have you seen on various trips and vacations? Which were the most impressive? Which would you say even inspired you? Do we look at each 3D art form with equal inspiration? Why or why not?

In what ways do Christians differentiate between 3D art forms, especially in worship? What would we include? What would we not include?

What has been the most inspirational Christian 3D art you have seen? What made it an inspiration to you? How did it draw you to turn your focus on God?

How did the gods of Egypt remain a problem for the Israelites? What happened when they thought Moses had died upon Mt. Sinai? What did the calf represent to them? What was Moses' reaction (and God's reaction) to their worship of the golden calf?

Read Exodus 20:1-3. What is the first of the ten commandments? Why would God place this as number one? Read Exodus 20:4-5, why would this be the second commandment? How is a graven image different than a piece of art? How is it the same? How do we break these commandments today?

Read Exodus 31:1-11. Who were these men God selected to work on the articles of worship, the Ark and other things in the Tabernacle? What does this say about the use of our skills in preparing for worship?

What 3D art forms do we use in our worship of God today? How does each aid in our worship of God?

In what media of art have you worked? Have you used any of your own work as aids of worship? How did that make you feel? In what way might your work have aided others in worship? How does our creating reflect our being made in the image of God? Read Genesis 2:7. What is the difference between being created by God and being created in the image of God?

Read Isaiah 64:8 and Jeremiah 18:6. What do these passages say about how God is still shaping us? In what ways do you believe God is shaping or chiseling away at you? Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. What are we to do to be transformed into the image of Christ?