

What Would Jesus Undo
Empty Worship
Week 2

- **What is worship?**
"Worship is our response to what we value most." -Pastor Louie Giglio

- **Foundation for the lessons we are going to learn**
 - We are all given to patterns or traditions.
 - God gave Israel special celebrations of 'worship' that coincided with the calendar.

- **3 Examples of Empty Worship**
 - Isaiah 1:12–17
Lessons learned:
 - Heart wasn't in it.
 - No life change.
 - If they would have repented, God would have kept their enemies at bay.

 - Amos 5:18–24
Lessons learned:
 - They looked good on the outside.
 - Their inner lives sank into a pit of moral decay.
 - Result: God hated their empty worship.

 - Matthew 15:1–9
Context to understand:
 - The Pharisees were obsessed with ceremonial cleanliness.

- **Worship**
 - True worship that touches God's heart is not a reflection of the style of the music. It's a reflection of a heart right before God.
 - True worship is God-glorifying and earnestly seeking Him.
 - True worship is done in spirit and truth.
 - *Spirit: Originates from the heart
 - *Truth: Rooted in Scriptural truth

- **Application**
 - We can bow in reverence
 - We can lift our hands in adoration
 - We can dance in celebration
 - We can offer a verbal sacrifice of praise!
 - We lay down our lives daily as an act of worship

Questions for individual study and or group discussion

1. Describe what a meaningful expression (in church) looks like for you. Why?
2. Have you ever fallen into ritualistic empty worship? What happened and why?
3. What does it mean that true worship is done in spirit and truth? See John 4:23.
4. When you see the 3 examples of empty worship from today, which lessons hit home? Why?
5. How can you grow in your expression(s) of worship?
6. What does it look like to lay down our lives daily as an act of worship? See Romans 12:1–2.
7. What else can you apply to your life?