LIFE TOGETHER

Worship God — Revelation 22:8-9 October 30, 2016

... "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." -Revelation 22:9

I. ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

- At times in Revelation it is hard to know if John is speaking to an angel, or to Jesus. The relationship between angels as God's messengers and God Himself is strong and close. (Gen. 18; Judges 6:11-24; Acts 7:38; Gal. 3:19; Rev. 22:7).
- Humans are prone to worship. We often worship falsely (Acts 10:25; 14:8-15; Col. 2:18-19; Rev. 19:10; 22:9).

II. TRINITARIAN WORSHIP

- One God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity (Athanasian Creed).
- Worship in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:16-24).
- Something greater than the temple (Matt. 12:6-8; John 2:18-22).

III. WORSHIP AT LIFEPOINT

- Biblically sound vertically oriented (Rev. 19:10).
- Balanced something old and something new (Matt. 13:51-52).
- Always dignified never dull (Ps. 96:7-9; Ps. 150).
- Expository teaching.
- Family oriented.
- Geared toward believers; focused on worship and edification.

KNOW: We worship God and nothing else. If our lives are geared in any way differently than this, we must deal with our idolatry.

DO: Worship God alone.

Suggested Reading:

We Become What We Worship: A Biblical Theology of Idolatry, by G.K. Beale

Parenting in the Pew: Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship, by Robbie Castleman

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Revelation 22:8-9

- 1. When you hear the word "worship," what comes to your mind? What does worship look like?
- 2. Our text for Sunday tells us that John fell down at the feet of the angel to worship. Why do you think we are so tempted to worship things that are greater/stronger than us?
- 3. How do you worship best? Quietly? Joyfully? Following a liturgy? Extemporaneously? Why do you think you prefer things the way that you do?
- 4. How can we learn to care for one another in worship in such a way that we allow for some elements of worship here at LifePoint that may not work the best for us?
- 5. Talk about worship at LifePoint. What do we do well? What could we do better? Are these Biblical principles, or just our preferences?