

QUICK TO HEAR
Ecclesiastes 5:1

Oakridge Community Church
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

1. Undivided God – Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Mark 12:29; James 2:19
2. Undivided worship – Mark 12:30

I. MAKE SURE TO PROPERLY PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

- A. James 4:8
- B. Matthew 5:23-24
- C. Psalm 100:4

II. MAKE SURE TO FOCUS ON LISTENING IN WORSHIP

- A. Approach worship with a primary purpose of listening
 1. Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29
 2. Isaiah 48:12
 3. Matthew 11:15; 13:9, 43
- B. Consider listening more important than ritual
 1. The importance of sacrifice
 2. The evil of ritual without listening
 - a. 1 Samuel 15:22
 - b. Psalm 40:6
 3. Genuine listening involves obedience
 - a. 1 Samuel 15:22
 - b. James 1:21-25

Conclusion

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1. What challenges/obstacles do you face which could hinder wholehearted, undivided worship of the Lord in your daily life? in our worship together as a body? How can you use Mark 12:30 to deal with those challenges?
2. How do you normally prepare yourself to worship in your daily life? to worship together with the body of Christ? What does this show about your perspective of worship?
3. What steps will you take in the future to prepare yourself and your family to worship, in light of what Scripture tells us? How will you implement your plan?
4. In your own words, describe how important worshipful listening to God's Word is to Him. How should this impact your attitude and approach to listening?
5. How is worshiping God in spirit and in truth different from just going through the routines of worship? How can we fight the constant tendency to approach worship as mere routine rather than worshiping God in spirit and in truth?
6. Are you willing to commit yourself to intently hear and zealously obey the Word of God? What changes will this bring to your worship in daily life? in our worship as a body?