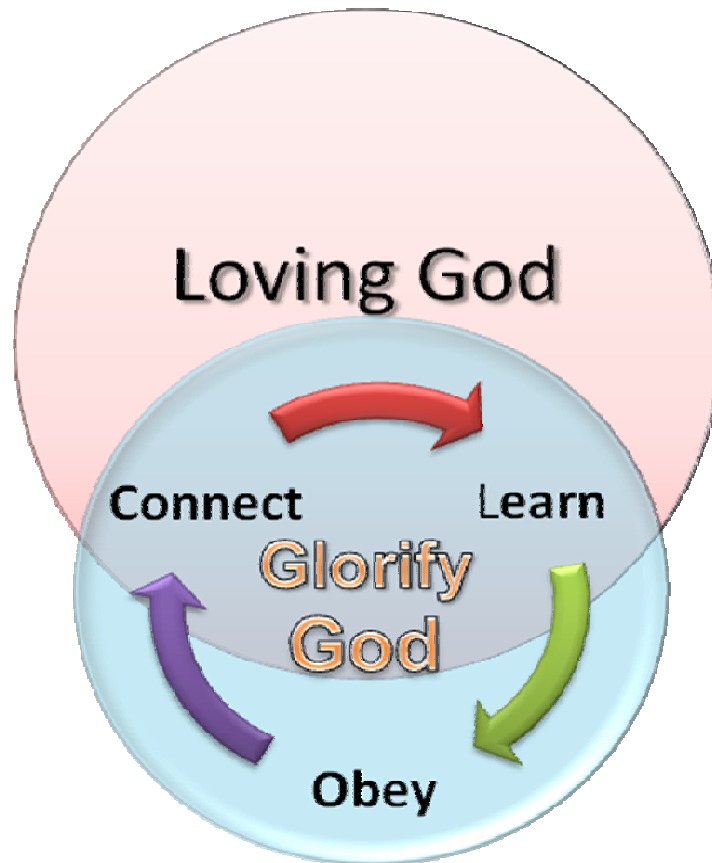


**Sticking with the Mission: “Loving God through Worship”  
John 4:4-32 and Romans 12:1-21**

We’ve begun this year by working through our mission statement. A mission statement gives direction and focuses our future. It provides guidelines for decision making and inspires unity. Our mission statement has at the center: “glorify God.” We do this in three primary ways—loving God, loving each other, and reaching our world. This morning we are going to focus our attention on what “loving God” looks like so that we can learn to “glorify God” by loving Him.



## Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

### Monday-Tuesday

- Our mission statement has “glorify God” in the center. Further, we glorify Him by “loving” Him. So, what does loving God mean? How would you define “love”? Also, what does “loving” God look like?
- After reading John 4:1-42 (esp. vv. 15-26), what does the “hour” in v. 21 mean and what difference does it make in the worship that Jesus calls for? What is the difference between the Samaritan worship and the Jewish worship?
- What are “true worshipers”? What does it mean to worship “in spirit and truth”? Some of your translations might have “Spirit.” What difference would that make in your understanding of this text? How does v. 24 help you better understand worship?
- Identify several ways that these verses will impact your worship of God. Share with a friend what you’ve discovered. Spend some quality time today worshipping our Lord.

### Wednesday-Thursday

- After reading Romans 12:1-21 (esp. vv. 1-2), identify what it actually means “to present your bodies as a sacrifice.” Extra work: how is Romans 12 a response to the theological work Paul presents in Romans 1-11? You might consider using a Study Bible or commentary for this.
- Christians no longer offer animal sacrifices. What do we offer? What does it include? What three terms modify “sacrifice” and what do they mean? What does the phrase “spiritual service of worship” mean?
- Identify several ways that these verses will impact your worship of God. Share with a friend what you’ve discovered. Spend some quality time today worshipping the Lord.

### Friday-Saturday

- After reading Revelation 4-5, what do you find out about “who God is” and “who Christ is”? What do you find out about what they have done or will do? Knowing this, how does this help you in your worship of God?
- What does worship look like among the angels (I follow the position that the twenty-four elders are angels)?
- What contrast can you find between Revelation 4:10; 5:14; 7:11; 11:1, 16; 14:7; 15:4; 19:4, 10; 22:9 and the following verses—Revelation 9:20; 13:4, 8, 12? You should find two categories of worship.
- What do you learn about worshipping the true God? Identify several areas that you can praise God. Gather together with a group of believers and spend time today in praise of our Lord.