PCC Sermon Study Questions – “What is True and Proper Worship”

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1. Pastor Jim began with an assertion: “Strategy is best understood as worship!” What do you think that means?
2. The book You Are What You Love states: “*To be human is to be animated by some picture of the good life. Some vision of what counts as flourishing. And we crave that. That is why our fundamental orientation is to love something. So, we are what we love – we are what we worship*.”

What are some things that animate or excite you in life?

1. We often use the word “worship” in a limited way to describe our singing or praise to God. But what you do – is what you worship. It is possible to think all the right thoughts, but do all the wrong things and thus fall into false worship.

What might your activities and actions say about the things you love in life?

1. Fundamentally we all worship something. And what we love shapes the way we live and operate in our world. Everything we do is worship! So the church strategies we develop are practical ways to express our worship to God. If God is really worthy of our worship, what are some things that you do, that aren’t outwardly religious or spiritual, but actually are glorifying to God?
2. Pastor Jim mentions pride, exclusion, self-interest, condemnation, and revenge as examples of the patterns of this world. Do you struggle with being “conformed” or “squeezed” into what the world loves? In what way?
3. Romans 12:3-8 describes spiritual gifts being used in a life of humble service. This is a call to action! What are some ways you have seen God using you in other’s lives?
4. Romans 12:9-21 gives us specific commands for how we should act/worship! It is all about doing good in the context of an evil world? It is a practical worship list describing how we should live and express our love to God.

Share an example of how you have sought to do one of these things or how someone else did it to/for you?