

Questions for the Commissioning!

Acts 14:26-28 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. **27** And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. **28** And there they abode long time with the disciples.

1. Do you publicly recognize that all we can do is recommend you to the grace of God to do the work that He has called you to do?
2. Do you believe that God has clearly directed your path to this current ministry?
3. Will you please take one minute to explain the ministry that God has given you so that the church will know and be better able to pray?
4. Do you promise to give yourself totally to carrying out the ministry that God has given you no matter how hard or

discouraging it gets?

5. Will you come back and tell us how God has worked in your ministry to His honor and glory?
6. Do you believe that Vision Baptist is a church worthy of reproduction where ever God sends you?
7. Will you promise to call or write us when you get discouraged instead of allowing Satan to win the victory in your life?
8. Will you acknowledge that you believe that you are being sent out of Vision to accomplish the purpose God has for our church and you go in our place?
9. Vision Baptist will you commit to love, support, and pray for these families?
10. Vision will you recognize that these missionaries are your representatives carrying out what God wants us to do as a

church?

They fell down and worshipped Him!

Matthew 2:1 Now when Jesus was **born in Beth-lehem** of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came **wise men** from the east to Jerusalem, **2** Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to **worship him.** **3** When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. **5** And they said unto him, In Beth-lehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, **6** And thou Beth-lehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. **7** Then Herod, when he had privily called the **wise men**, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. **8** And he sent them to Beth-lehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and **worship** him also. **9** When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the **young**

child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. **11** And when they were come into the house, **they** saw the **young child** with Mary his mother, and **fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened** their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; **gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.** **12** And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

1. They traveled a great distance to worship Him! **2** Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to **worship him.**
 - a. To worship means to acknowledge that someone or something else is greater, worth more, and so be to obeyed, feared, and adored
 - b. To worship has the idea of giving yourself completely to this person or object
 - c. It means I want to be mastered by it
 - d. That is the idea of reasonable sacrifice **Romans 12:1** **I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,**

that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service.*

- e. These wise men believe that Jesus is worthy of whatever sacrifice, gift, work, travel or whatever they have to do. Even the trip was a sign of their worship.
- f. They were men of wisdom and leadership recognizing that there was someone worthy of their devotion and honor

2. Herod claims that he wants to go and worship the King **8**
*And he sent them to Beth-lehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and **worship** him also.*

- a. Of course, Herod is lying because worship means submission and he had no plans of submitting
- b. Worship means that you see the other as superior to yourself
- c. Worship means that you see the other as worthy of your love, esteem and obedience
- d. Worship would mean to ascribe greatness to and Herod could do that to no one

e. True worship would have meant that he would lay aside his own plans and look for the Lord himself but he has no desire to set aside his plans

3. Expressions of worship we can learn from the wise men [11](#)

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a. They fell down which was a sign they recognized that He was superior

b. The wise men showed extravagance

i. They fell down

ii. They worshipped which means that they expressed their love in words and actions

iii. They gave extravagant gifts [11](#) And when they were come into the house, **they** saw the **young child** with Mary his mother, and **fell down, and**

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opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; **gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.**

1. They opened their treasures not what was left over
 2. They gave gifts of real value and meaning
 3. Giving gifts or tributes to another is to recognize that they are more valuable than you
- c. The wise men fell down and worshipped.
- i. That was customary in the idea of worship which is to show respect, to prostrate oneself before the other
 - ii. It had the idea of bowing and throwing a kiss or kissing the ground where they walked
 - iii. The ancient Persians kissed on the lips if they were of equal rank, on the cheek if their rank was slightly different but when one was inferior he fell on his knees, put his forehead on the ground and threw kisses at the superior
- d. They worshipped Jesus not Mary. They recognized who deserved the honor
- e. Their gifts came as an expression of the worship or reverence that they felt

4. Truths about worship

- a. We become like what we worship **Psalm 115:1-8** **Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, But unto thy name give glory, For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. 2** Wherefore should the heathen say, *Where is now their God?* **3** But our God *is* in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. **4** Their idols *are* silver and gold, The work of men's hands. **5** They have mouths, but they speak not: Eyes have they, but they see not: **6** They have ears, but they hear not: Noses have they, but they smell not: **7** They have hands, but they handle not: Feet have they, but they walk not: Neither speak they through their throat. **8** They that make them are like unto them; *So is every one that trusteth in them.*
- b. You can tell what a person worships by the way it rules their time, energy, thoughts, longings, and choices
- c. Worship is much more than singing and the emotions that come with musical worship
- d. Worship had to do with the work in the Tabernacle or Temple
 - i. The sacrifices, the praise, the prayers
 - ii. Anything being done for God out of love for Him

- e. Worship has the idea of extravagance
 - i. Extravagance in the respect and admiration paid to
 - ii. Extravagance in the devotion expressed
 - iii. Extravagance in the esteem felt
- f. Worship is our response to God, who He is, what He says, and what He does through our mind, will, emotions, and body
- g. Worshippers must come in the prescribed manner

John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **24**
God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship **him in spirit and in truth.**

 - i. Not so physical or outward as many religions have made it
 - ii. It is coming from your inner most being and an expression of who you really are
- h. Worship is your identity before it is your activity
 - i. When you worship everything you think, desire, choose, do or say is shaped by your worship

- ii. Being a worshipper means that you attach your identity, your meaning, your purpose, your inner sense of well being to the one you worship
- iii. No one can really understand your reasoning to be so fanatical about your worship

- Do you truly worship Jesus?
- Does He dominate your thoughts?
- Do you focus on Him?
- Do you consider any sacrifice to be just your reasonable service?