**THANK YOU** Pastor Jerry and Kimberly – Kayla - My family

**OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO LUKE 11**

Lean in this morning because I plan to speak for 10 minutes and then we will worship the Lord.. and minister to His heart.

God has called us to **become disciple makers** in this season… and

**“YOU BECOME WHAT YOU WORSHIP”**

**READ MORAVIAN STORY**

**My Story:** My Encounter in Gods Presence

**(Jesus touches the man with leprosy) Luke‬**

“After this miracle, the news about Jesus spread even farther. Massive crowds continually gathered to hear him speak and to be healed from their illnesses. But Jesus often slipped away from them and went into the wilderness to pray.”

**“YOU BECOME WHAT YOU WORSHIP”**

**LUKE 11:1-2 NKJV (READ FROM BIBLE)**

-Never said teach us to preach, to do miracles, to get our needs met…

-**Hallowed**: Awe, reverence, holy, set apart

-**Thy name**: when I say your name, its different than any other name I say..

**ANALOGY** - Bow and Arrow

**ACTS 13:1-3 NKJV**

“Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **As they ministered to the Lord and fasted**, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.”

**ANALOGY**- the guest in the home..

Jesus entrusts us with what's important to Him when we are most intimate with Him. Intimacy builds trust.

**STAND WITH ME**

**STATEMENTS:** **What worship is, what it is not**

**Worship is** an act that touches the heart of Jesus, not a genre on iTunes

**Worship is** the garment of praise in exchange for the spirit of heaviness

**Worship is not** Christian sing-along, it's words and melodies to the Lover of our soul

**Worship is** thanksgiving for God's goodness, not a time to rub "the lamp of some genie" and get something from him. -though when we love Him He loves us back :)

**Worship increases** God and decreases us

**Worship brings us** to the face of God and changes us into His image

**WORSHIP TIME : MINISTER TO THE LORD**

**END OF WORSHIP: THE COMMISSION Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV (OPEN BIBLE)**

 **-Jesus never asked us to accomplish the great Commission without HIM.**

**PRACTICAL**

 **-Get together for times of ministry to the Lord..**

 **-We bought Bluetooth speakers..**

In 1732 John Leonard Dober and David Nitschman, both in their early twenties, left their jobs and families to become the first Moravian missionaries. These two young men had heard that three thousand slaves from Africa had been taken to an island in the West Indies to work on the sugar cane plantations. God had placed a burden on their hearts to go to the island and present the gospel to these slaves who were forced to work there.

But there was a problem. The British slave owner, who was an atheist, would not let any missionaries on the island. He defiantly announced, "No preacher, no clergyman, will ever stay on this island. If he's shipwrecked we'll keep him in a separate house until he has to leave, but he's never going to talk to any of us about God."

Since they couldn't get on the island as missionaries, there was only one other option. They had to be willing to be sold into slavery! Selling themselves to the British planter was their only shot, and they took it. If they were going to share the gospel with the slaves, they had to become slaves themselves.

This wasn't a decision where they could come back in a few years. They would be working as slaves on the island for the rest of their lives and would never be able to return home.

 Their families were shocked and couldn't understand why they had made such a radical decision. They had sacrificed their freedom and their entire future to serve Jesus Christ in a most unusual way. They wanted more than anything to answer the call of God to reach these slaves and please Him with their lives.

On October 8, 1732, their families stood on the dock weeping, knowing that they would never see them again. As the ship pulled away with the young men aboard, they linked arms together and shouted to their loved ones they were leaving behind, "May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering!"

These words became the anthem and inspiration for thousands of missionaries who would follow in their footsteps. Without realizing it, the two young men had birthed a missions movement. Over the next 150 years, the Moravians sent out two thousand missionaries to various places over the world.

If you ask, "What does it mean to love Jesus?" you have just read one of the purest examples.