



- How do you think does Satan tempt us to worship him instead of God?
- How did Jesus fight Satan's lie?

1. Read Daniel 3:16-18. Discuss what the three Israelites did when they said our God is able to rescue us, but even if He doesn't, we will worship Him alone. Can you still worship God even if He doesn't do what you expect of Him?

2. Satan has always had two primary goals – first, to exalt man above God, and second, to stop the worship of God. What are we seeing in our culture that fulfills those two goals of the enemy? How can we overcome as believers in this culture?

3. READ **MARK 12:30**. Discuss the three ways you can worship God according to that verse.

4. What we give our attention to the most is probably the thing we're most likely to worship above God. What do you think about the most?

5. If the time comes to take your stand for whom you will worship, are you prepared to take that stand? The test of worship is coming. Discuss what that might look like and how you will pass the test.

Work:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything to you that you've worshipped above God.
- Have you worshipped sports, work, money, or even family above God? Ask The Lord to reveal it to you and then make a decision to worship Jesus above everything.
- Choose to take your worship to a new level. However you express worship, choose to give God more of your affection, attention, and abilities than ever before. Grow in your worship.
- Pray for one another.

WEEK 2 CULTURE'S TEST

Last Sunday, Pastor Jon Las preached a timely message "CULTURE GREATEST TEST" based on two pivotal moments in the life of the prophet Daniel.

Welcome:

Who was your biggest idol growing up?

Worship:

Sing, *CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED*

Word:

READ **DANIEL 3:1-6, 6:5-9**.

Let's discuss the sermon. Pastor Jon's main point was *when culture shifts, it will tolerate all forms of worship except the worship of God Himself*. Twice in Daniel's life, he was made to choose between the gods of the culture he lived in or the God of Israel. In both instances, Daniel's choice had severe punishments.

1. **Culture will tolerate the idolatry.**
2. **Culture will thwart the worship of God.**
3. **Culture will test the faithfulness of God's people.**

READ **MATTHEW 4:8-11**.

In Matthew 4:8-11, we find Satan tempting the Lord Jesus to give up His mission and instead serve Satan, but Jesus rebuked him. The enemy still employs the same tactic of tempting God's children to worship him instead of their heavenly Father, but in more subtle ways.