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Why, God? Part 4
I Will Worship When Blessed
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1. What reasons did Scott give for our current day forgetfulness? What types of things are you likely to forget in your daily life?

2. What three things did Scott say keep us from worshiping when things are going well? Which one is most likely to trip you up? Give an example.

3. What do you think creates an entitled mentality? How does our culture play a part in that mindset in America?

4. Charles Spurgeon said that if we got what we deserved, we would get no love, no mercy and no grace [paraphrased]. Why is that?

5. READ Ecclesiastes 4:4 - "Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind."
 - a. What material things, success, position, or relationships do you find yourself envying?
 - b. What are we saying to God when we enviously compare our life with another's?

6. If we work hard and our company/business succeeds and prospers, in what way is that not our accomplishment? For what are we dependent on God?

7. READ James 1:16-17 "Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."
 - a. What is the deception to which James is referring?

- b. What good gifts do you have in your life today? Share a few.**
- 8. Joshua 3:9-4:24 tells the story of God parting the waters of the Jordan River, just as he had the Red Sea. Stones were taken from the middle of the river and placed in Gilgal as a memorial, so that the story could be passed on to future generations. READ Joshua 4:24. According to this passage, why did God dry up the Jordan?**

 - 9. Take a few minutes and jot down three columns: Places/People/ Mementos List things in each column that trigger a memory about God's greatness and work in your life. Share a few of these.**

 - 10. Look at your lists above. Of which characteristics of God do these places, people, and mementos remind you?**

 - 11. Charles Spurgeon said, "We are too prone to engrave our trials in marble and write our blessings in sand." Why do you think we tend to lean that way? How can you intentionally shift that tendency?**

 - 12. Scott said that when we remember the goodness of God to us, we are thankful, and we worship. When do you or can you focus on the things for which you are thankful? If you don't have a regular time set aside, consider adding that to your schedule this week.**