

Start With

WHY

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Week 5 - Why do we worship corporately?

Gathering Together

There is nothing more important in life than worship. We all worship something or someone. The only question is whether we will worship the right One in the right way. At Valley Church we want all of life to be worship to God (Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 10:31). He is worthy to receive glory and honor and power (Rev. 4:11). In particular, we want our worship services to be pleasing to Him. To gather with God's people to worship at God's throne under the authority of God's word is our joyful privilege.

1. **Worship is a result of _____**
A. W. Tozer "The purpose of God in bringing us into the world...to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."
2. **Worship is an _____ of Heart**
The outward acts are the least important parts of true worship.
3. **Worship is Love _____**
Worship is a love response because of a relationship. It is not the performance that makes worship.
4. **Worship is _____ Through Music**
Music sets the atmosphere for worship (expressing love)
5. **Worship is Christ _____**
It is His person, not His performance that is the object of our worship. We worship the King, not His kingdom.
6. **Worship is _____**
Worship causes the worshipers to be more interested in fellowship than in what may come out of that fellowship.
7. **Worship is a _____**
We worship because we are worshippers. It is a way of life.
8. **Worship is _____ and _____ His Worthiness**
Worship is an attitude that recognizes the superiority of Christ and our dependence upon Him.
9. **Worship involves _____**
Prayer births and matures relationships. Out of relationship we worship.
10. **Worship is _____**
Worship pre-dates Adam and outlasts all flesh. It is older than the church itself.
11. **Worship is a _____**
Thou wilt show me the path of life: In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Psalm 16:11)

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. (John 4:23)

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Who is your favorite celebrity (actor/actress, sports figure, politician, etc.)? Why? How would you respond if they came into the room right now? What would be the first question you would ask them?

Ponderings:

2. Why do we worship God?
3. Why can worshipping God with the wrong motive be as deadening as worshipping the wrong God with a sincere motive?
4. What is true worship? Judson Cornwall said that worship is "a person's spirit responding lovingly to an acute awareness of God." (Read Psalm 42:1-3; 27: 4-6) What do you think about that definition? How does it capture the true definition of worship?
5. In the message we discussed eleven characteristics of worship. How many of them do you remember? Which description best helps you to grasp the meaning of biblical worship?
6. Who is to be the center of our worship? How can we best achieve that in a corporate worship service?
7. How can worship be enhanced by our individual expressions? What are some ways that you personally have expressed your worship to God?
8. In what way is worship a celebration? How do you celebrate Jesus in your worship?

Promptings:

9. What do you struggle most with in your personal worship? In what ways do you need to grow in your worship experience?
10. What are the necessary things that you need to change in order for you to prioritize worship?
11. In a practical way, how will you practice worship at church, at home, and at work?