

REVIEW

- God has designed us to worship.
- We defined worship as an attitude of the heart.
- *Worship*: extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to...¹
- **Worship is an act** of surrender, submission, and reverence.
- **Worship is an act** of the will in light of who God is and what He has done—act of love.
- **Worship is an ongoing** daily activity; God has made us to worship!
 - Last week, we talked about personal worship.
 - **This week** will be corporate worship; worshipping God as a church body.

WHY WE WORSHIP TOGETHER:

“Some go to church to take a walk; Some go there to laugh and talk; Some go there to meet a friend; Some go there their time to spend; Some go there to meet a lover; Some go there a fault to cover; Some go there for speculation; Some go there for observation; Some go there to doze and nod; The wise go there to worship God.” (Charles Spurgeon²)

WE MEET TOGETHER TO WORSHIP TOGETHER.

1 Peter 2:9–10 ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

HOW WE WORSHIP TOGETHER:

WE SING!

Psalm 30:4 Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION.

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 ²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

WE GIVE!

2 Corinthians 9:6–7 ⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

WE SERVE!

Ephesians 6:7-8 ⁷Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, ⁸because you know the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

WE LISTEN.

John 10:27-28 ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

WE PRAY!

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

LET'S PREPARE TO WORSHIP TOGETHER!

- Pray for your pastors and those who minister.
- Pray for the message and the one delivering it.
- Pray for the people who will come to church.
- Pray for yourself to be ministered to and to minister to others.
- Pray with your family, friends, and life group for when we meet together.

CLOSING

Hebrews 12:28-29 ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our "God is a consuming fire."

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS IN LIFE GROUP OR WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Passages to consider: Hebrews 10:19-25; Colossians 3:16-17; Psalm 150

- What about the sermon was impactful to you?
 1. Take a look at Hebrews 10:19-25. What does this passage show you about worshipping and following God together? (You might look at the words "we" and "let us.")
 2. How has being a part of a group of people who love the Lord and worship Him helped you in your relationship with God?
 3. Look at Colossians 3:15-17. What does this passage describe about ways to worship God together?
 4. What part can you play as a member of the body of Christ in worshipping God together? A) What would it take for you to increase your own participation in the corporate worship setting?
 5. What does it mean for you to come prepared to participate with the body of believers when they gather to worship the Lord? Share specific ways you do or want to try.

Next week: Called Out to Worship in Real Life (Week 4): The Impact of Worship

Passages to prepare: Ephesians 5:15-20; 1 Peter 3:15-16

¹Definition of worship taken from www.Merriam-Webster.com/dictionary/worship

²Charles Spurgeon as quoted in *Spurgeon: Prince of Preachers* by Lewis A Drummond, Kregel Publications, p. 331

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