

Keeping Company with Jesus
Worship
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I. What and whom do I worship?

A. What “somethings” do I worship?

1. Worship denotes the _____ of the one receiving special honor or devotion. It means _____ to someone or something. What do I attribute worth to other than God?

2. We all worship something! We can't help it! The question is- _____ and _____ do we worship?

II. Understanding worship- Who is God and What has he done?

A. A powerful definition to “get”

Worship is....

Our _____,
Both personal and corporate,
To God-
For _____ He is!
And _____ He has done!
Expressed in and by the things
_____ and the _____.
(Louie Giglio, The Air I Breathe, pp. 49)

B. Do you know the definition of worship in theory or practice?

“The greatest of all illusions is the illusion of familiarity.” G. K. Chesterton

1. To fear God means to _____ our own expectations, needs, and imaginings and _____ set the agenda and God define the limits.
(pp. 129, The Shattered Lattern, Ronald Rolheiser) (Romans 12:1-2)

C. Worship requires us to understand WHO God is.

1. David's prayer of praise- One man's worship (1 Chronicles 20:10-14)
2. Attributes of God

D. Worship requires us to understand WHAT God has done.

1. God created me in His Image. (Genesis 1:27)
2. God made me for His Glory. (Isaiah 43:7, 21)
3. Because of Jesus, I have eternal life with Him. (John 3:16)
4. God gave the Holy Spirit to live inside me. (Luke 11:13)
5. God's love for me will never end. (Psalm 9:102)
6. God knows my wanderings and places my tears in His bottle. (Psalm 56:8)
7. Because of Jesus, I am forgiven. (Romans 3:25-26)
8. Because of Jesus, I have peace with God. (Romans 5:1)
9. Because of Jesus, I don't have to live with guilt or condemnation. (Romans 8:1)
10. Because of Jesus, I can have more life in this life. (John 10:10)

III. Worship requires a response by us.

A. Taking _____ and instead gaze upon God!

1. The inward eye of the spirit needs to focus upon His presence. This should not just be our desire, but our goal for _____. We must LIFT our eyes to the heavenlies _____!

B. As we worship, we become _____ into the image of Christ! We change as a result of worshiping Him! *"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."* (2:Corinthians 3:18)

1. Never forget, we become _____ we worship!

C. We respond in _____. We adore Him!

1. The Greek word in the NT for worship means _____. It is almost the idea of blowing a kiss to God.

D. We become truly grateful women!

1. Thank God in all of God's blessings- large and small? Do you thank God for every blessing, no matter how small? (1 Thessalonians 5:18, Colossians 3:16-17)

2. A lifestyle of gratitude begins with.....

E. Corporate worship becomes an outflow of our time with God each day!

1. Worship Challenge: The next time you worship corporately, _____! The question is not whether God is present to us; the question is how present we are to God.