

Discipleship Pathway 1

Session 10: Worship

“Worship is a believer's response to God's revelation of Himself. It is expressing wonder, awe, and gratitude for the worthiness, the greatness, and the goodness of our Lord. It is the appropriate response to God's person, His provision, His power, His promises, and His plan.” - Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Have those at your table answer this question: **What is worship?**

Worship is another means of grace by which mankind can connect with God. It is a _____ to God's majesty, nature, character and power. It can be expressed anywhere at anytime as we are moved to respond to God's greatness.

Although worship can be expressed in a variety of ways, it is ultimately a matter of the _____.

Read: Psalm 86:12

Worship, however, can be reduced to lip service when it is offered merely out of religious _____ or _____.

Read: Isaiah 29:13

Jesus commanded His disciples in Matthew 12:30 to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. The _____ of our worship must be rooted in our love for God and our desire to see Him glorified.

Read: Psalm 29:2

What motivates your worship? Love? Obligation? Tradition? Peer Pressure? Take a few minutes to discuss.

Jesus said in John 4:23: "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

Our worship must be a truthful expression that connects us to the Father on a deep spiritual level.¹ When it comes to worship, the _____ is always more important than the _____.

¹ 25 Different Ways to Worship God and Praise the Lord, accessed on 02/01/2023, <https://connectusfund.org/ways-to-worship-god-and-praise-the-lord>

God is to always be the sole _____ of our worship.

“For when we cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing, we worship anything.” — G.K. Chesterton

Read: Exodus 34:14

Our love, adoration and loyalty towards God is not to be _____ or shared. Throughout scripture we find several passages pointing to this truth:

Read: Isaiah 45:5, 1 Kings 18:21, Matthew 6:24, & 1 Corinthians 10:21.

Worship, although, narrow in focus can be _____ in its expression. There are a variety of ways in which worship can be expressed:

Singing: Psalm 96:1-3

Shouting & Clapping: Psalm 47:1

Music & Instruments: Psalm 150:1-5

Bowing down/kneeling: Psalm 95:6

Lifting of hands: Psalm 134:2

Dancing: Psalm 149:3

Worship is certainly not limited to this list. Remember, worship is a response to God’s greatness. **Take a few minutes to discuss other ways in which worship might be expressed.**

One thing, nevertheless, that all worship has in common is that it is _____ in nature.

Read: 2 Samuel 24:20-24

David is looking to buy a threshing floor on which to build an altar. The owner of the land offers to simply gift the property to King David for him to use. However, David refused to worship and make an offering to the Lord that cost him _____. The key to worship is that it requires something of us. It requires an _____ of our heart, soul, mind and strength. The Apostle Paul describes it this way:

Read: Romans 12:1-2

As believers, we are to live our lives as living sacrifices. This daily giving of ourselves, Paul refers to as our _____ service. Worship is not just a time set aside on Sunday mornings to sing songs to the Lord, it is a _____ we are to live everyday.

This week’s reading plan: Leviticus 1-10, Proverbs Ch. 10