

WHAT IS

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1. Ministry to God: **Worship**

2. Ministry to Believers: **Nurture**

3. Ministry to the World:
Evangelism and Mercy

-Keeping the purpose in balance.

Systematic Theology; Wayne Grudem

1. **Worship**

2. **Fellowship**

3. **Discipleship**

4. **Ministry**

5. **Mission**

The Purpose Driven Church; Rick Warren

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WHAT IS *Worship* ALL ABOUT

Big Idea

Our worship of a mighty and loving God requires our attention and our intention, in setting our hearts and minds on the recognition and adoration of who God is and what He has done. It requires a willingness to open ourselves to be filled and led by the Holy Spirit in order to RESPOND.

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Defined

Noun: *“A feeling or expression of adoration for God”*

Verb: *“Showing reverence and adoration for God.”*

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Recognizing & Responding

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Communion with God
and with His people

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Worship is the profound celebration of God and his supreme worth in such a manner that his worthiness becomes the norm and inspiration for human living



Worship

**Collective, Assembly, Gathering
&
Private, Personal, and continuous**



Worship

“I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted...”

“The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation...”

“He is MY God, and I will exalt him...”

“The Lord is a warrior...”

“Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power...”

“By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone until your people pass by, Lord, until the people YOU brought pass by. You will bring them IN and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance, the place the Lord you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.”

“The Lord reigns, for ever and ever!”

-Exodus 15:1-18

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The immediate worship of the Israelites described
some of the qualities of God:

Warrior, Majestic, our strength, my defense, my
salvation, MY God, a sanctuary...

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“God had demanded of Pharaoh, “Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert” (Ex. 7:16b) God brings them OUT that he might bring them IN, into his assembly, to the great company of those who stand before his face... God’s assembly at Sinai is therefore the immediate goal of the Exodus. God brings his people into his presence that they might hear his voice and worship him.

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We serve a God that has the intention of 'bringing us IN'

5 Collective Acts of Worship

→ Singing

→ Prayer

→ Preaching/Teaching

→ Giving

→ Communion

Worship

When does worship happen?

Worship

When do I worship God?

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Worship can be found and exists most often in moments, in memories remembrance, and in the midst of the mess and beauty of our daily lives





Worship

“In the midst of _____, in spite of _____... God I
worship you. I praise you. Thank you.”

Worship

Speaking to God and recognizing his character and attributes is a way of worshipping Him and being an attentive and intentional worshiper.

Worship

“Bless the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases. Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel; the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in Love”

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“When I remember you on my bed, I think of you through the watches of the night. For you are my help, I will sing for joy in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me”

Psalm 63:6-8

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**Having a heart for worship means:
Whatever is happening in my life... when
I remember and when I recognize, I want
to be intentional about my response**

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Worship

Authentic, Distraction-free, Modern

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Our worship can be found in other ways and
types of acts or responses:

-Obedience

-Giving

-Many ways, collectively and personally

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So, therefore... what now?

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**From God's perspective, what does my
worship look like?**

Worship

So, therefore... what now?

- Is it present? Does it exist beyond these walls?**
- Is it absent?**
- Is it true?**
- Does it come from my heart?**
- Am I going through the motions or giving of my attention and intention?**

Worship

So, therefore... what now?

**What is in my way right now of God's
attempt to "Bring me IN"?**

-Am I aware of his presence? Am I listening for his voice?

-What is right in front of me that deserves my recognition and response?

-What needs less of my attention so that I can be responsive?

