

The Time is NOW



... for Worship



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Romans 12:1 (NIV)

1. Worship is my _____ to God's _____.

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2. Worship is _____ to God.

God wants me to worship Him three ways:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Matthew 6:6 (NLT) But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

Psalms 105:4 (NLT) Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.

3. Worship is expressing my _____ to God.

Hosea 6:6 (NLT) I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.

4. Worship is using my _____ with God.

Colossians 3:23 (TPT) Put your heart and soul into every activity you do, as though you are doing it for the Lord himself and not merely for others.

Romans 12:1 (MSG) So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

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2. Worship is GIVING BACK to God.

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1. Thoughtfully

2. Passionately

3. Practically

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Discussion Questions **Week 3**

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[CONNECT]

When you first hear the word “worship” where does your mind immediately go to? Singing? Raising your hands? Praying? Give some examples of how you personally worship?

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend’s message?

[GROW]

- Do you think it’s possible to give your worship to other things? Be honest, what are some areas of your life that you feel can rob you of the worship you should be giving to God?

- Reflect on Romans 12:1 (MSG). After reading, discuss how eating, sleeping, going to work, and walking around could possibly be areas of worshipping God.

1. Worship is my RESPONSE to God’s LOVE.

- Our first purpose in life is to worship God. Yes, our families are important. Yes, our jobs and careers are important. Yes, our mental and physical health are important. Yes, our attitudes and our behavior and decisions are important – but our first purpose in life is to worship God. Worship is focusing my attention on God. How can you directly apply this to your life?

- Break down Matthew 22:37-38 (NLT). What does each portion of that verse mean to you?

2. Worship is GIVING BACK to God.

- God wants us to love Him three ways:

THOUGHTFULLY – what does this mean to you?

PASSIONATELY – what does this mean to you?

PRACTICALLY – what does this mean to you?

- God wants your attention, your affection, and your abilities. Whenever you take the things God has given to you and you give them back to God, that’s the heart of WORSHIP. And the greatest expression of our love is often displayed by our attention. But we all know there are things that fight for our attention, don’t we? What are some of those distractions for you?

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- What is your occupation, and how can you use your job/career as an act of worshipping God?

[CHALLENGE]

What are you worshipping? It’s whatever you’re giving your primary attention to, whatever you’re giving your primary affection to, and whatever you’re giving your primary abilities to.

Is it your career, making money, retirement, pleasure, sex, another person. The greatest temptation of your life, and the worst sin you could possibly commit, is the temptation to worship something other than God.

Whenever you love something more than God, you’re going to have chaos, conflict, stress and problems in your life. When I love comfort more than doing the right thing, I always get into trouble. When I love protecting my ego more than God and humility, I’m going to go down the wrong path. When I love my reputation, money, pleasure, or anything else more than God, it creates all kinds of havoc in my life.

I challenge you to make the number one goal of your life, before everything else, to get to know and love God, and to live a lifestyle of worship.