

Seven Life Changing Disciplines
#3 Worship Joyfully – Psalm 100 (10/11/09 AM)

The most commonly used Hebrew and Greek words both convey the same idea. It is the concept of bowing down in reverence.

Worship Is Not an Empty _____

1. Worship Is Not a Human Invention

Worship Is Mandated by God

(1) “Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!”

All people everywhere are commanded to worship the one true God revealed in Jesus Christ His Son.

• **Divine _____**

Matthew 4:10, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'”

True Worship Is Based Upon a Revelation from God

• **Human _____**

(3) “Know that the LORD, He is God”

The word “know” means to know by experience and has the idea of acknowledgement. To worship is to acknowledge God for Who He is.

Worship Is a _____

2. Worship Does Not Just Happen In a Congregation

Worship Involves More than Mere Attendance

The picture is of people praising God as they enter the Temple for public worship. (4) “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving.”

• **Worship begins _____ the sanctuary**

There is both a private and a public element to worship.

John 4:23-24, “...who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The spirit here is the human spirit. True worship flows from the inside. Psalm 103:1, “Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!”

There Is an Element of Worship that Can Be Experienced Only In _____

3. Worship Is Magnified within a Congregation

Note the Plural Pronouns

(3) “Know that the Lord, He is God...”

• **The experience of a _____ sense of God’s presence among His people**

This comes from a supernatural personal relationship of every believer, 1 Corinthians 12:13. This is “the unity of the Spirit”, Ephesians 4:3.

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4. Worship Produces a Transformation

Worship Is Both a Means to an End and an End in Itself

(4) “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving...”

• **Worship _____ us**

Every one of us has come here today with one dominant person on our mind—ourselves. We live dislocated lives. We are constantly influenced by our culture. Romans 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

Worship gets the focus off of me and onto my Creator, Psalm 95:6.

Through worship we recognize and repent of some cherished toxic behaviors and attitudes. God is not only seeking true worshippers He is fashioning them. We will always become like the object of our worship.

Worship Will _____

5. Worship Begins with Salvation

True Worship Is Based upon Truth

(5) “For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”

• **We receive salvation—we _____ worship**

Receiving God’s gift of salvation is the first act of the true worshipper. Worship is a divine—human encounter. No one can truly worship

God apart from Jesus Christ. We receive salvation; we give worship and service as our response, Romans 12:1.

Worship Is a Spiritually _____ Process

6. Worship Requires Preparation

Worship Is a Verb

Effective worship doesn’t just happen. Note the actions and attitudes revealed in Psalm 100; “shout, serve with gladness, come with singing, enter with thanksgiving...praise, be thankful, bless His name.”

• **Intentional vs. _____**

The practical preparation for Sunday worship begins on Saturday. Get to bed at a decent hour. Get up in time to get to church on time. Make your “what am I going to wear” decisions and preparations ahead of time. Eat breakfast so you are not distracted by your stomach toward the end of the service. Be careful what you put into your mind on Saturday night.

• **Participant vs. _____**

Many people equate attending a worship event with worshipping. Shouting, serving, singing, praising and thanking all involve participation. All relationships revolve around response.

C.S. Lewis, “It is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates His presence to men.”

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