WHAT IS THE ONE THING GOD DESIRES THAT ONLY YOU CAN GIVE?

YOUR WORSHIP.

WHY IS WORSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

YOU WERE <u>CREATED</u> TO WORSHIP. Luke 19:38-40

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

WORSHIP IS A RESPONSE TO <u>WHO</u> GOD IS AND <u>WHAT</u> HE HAS DONE. Romans 12:1

TRUE WORSHIPPERS:

- WORSHIP WITH <u>AWE</u>. Rev 1:16-17a, Heb 12:28-29
- WORSHIP WITH <u>ABANDONMENT</u>. 2 Sam 6:21-22
- WORSHIP WITH <u>YOUR LIFE</u>. Romans 12:1;
- WORSHIP WITH <u>YOUR SERVICE</u> Matthew 20:28

WHO IS GOD AND WHAT HAS HE DONE?

OUR ONLY REASONABLE RESPONSE IS WORSHIP!

NEXT STEPS

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Worship is "giving something of value and worth above all else". What in your life do you value the most? What (if anything) have you valued above God in your past?

What does worship mean for you?

When is the last time you have been overwhelmed in the presence of God?

In view of who God is and what He has done, what is your response of worship?

Digging Deeper

Read 2 Samuel 6:21-22 How can we combine reverence before God with unparalleled joy and celebration?

Read Psalm 96:1-13 What are some common elements of worship in church?

How far did the psalm writer want the praise of God's people to extend? (96:1-3)

What does this psalm reveal about God's character? (96:1-13)

Why should God's people be motivated to praise God? (96:4-6)

Whom did the psalm writer call to worship God? (96:7-9)

What will motivate creation to praise the Lord? (96:11-13)

What is one thing you can do to revive your worship of God or make it more meaningful?

Read 1 Chronicles 16:7-43

According to David, why should we give thanks to the Lord? (16:8)

What should people tell others about God? (16:9)

What are the character qualities of God listed in this psalm? (16:15-22)

How often do you take time to think about what God has done for you?

How should we express our thanks and appreciation to God? Why is music a useful way of praising God?

What are some of the reasons you have to be thankful to God?

Read Psalm 150: How is Psalm 150 a fitting conclusion to the book of Psalms? (150:1-6)

How has the Lord demonstrated His love for you? What should motivate us to offer our praise to God?

How do these passages encourage you to improve your worship of God?

Take it Home: "Becoming a Better Worshipper" *From Ben Sims—Real Life Worship Leader*

My vision for being a better worshipper is being a person who knows the character of God and understands that He paid the ultimate price so that we could have everlasting life with Him. I want to live in a state of thankfulness for the change He's made in me and for the hope that I have for all mankind. Here are some things that I think we should be doing throughout the week to prepare our hearts to worship Him.

1) Pray: talk to God about life and what He is doing in and around you.

2) Read God's word: know the character of God by reading what He has done and will continue to do in your life.

3) Look: God reveals His awesome power in the natural world and His creation is beautiful. God has created us as well and given us a wonderful creativity. God has used us as an instrument to tell His story through literature and art.

4) Listen: Music and sound are a powerful medium of worship. Some of my most powerful memories from childhood center around the church choir and the beauty and awe it inspired. Find some music that inspires you!

5) Celebrate: Have a heart of celebration and don't be afraid to show it. This isn't easy and is my personal spiritual "kryptonite". Though it isn't easy for me, I recognize the power of showing others how God has changed my life.