

You were created to **worship**. Luke 19:38-40

Worship is a response to **who** God is and to what He has **done**. Romans 12:1

- We speak and hear God's greatness.
- We speak and hear God's heart toward us.

What is the one thing God desires that only you can give? **Your worship**.

The Ancients:

Worshiped with **awe**. Revelations 1:16-17

Worshiped with **abandon**. 2 Samuel 6:21-22

Worshiped with their **life**. Romans 12:1

Worshiped with divine **service**. Matthew 20:28

There is a **war** for your attention, your ear, your worship.
Isaiah 14:13-14; Exodus 20:3-5

Q: Who deserves your attention, your ear, your worship?

How will you respond today?

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God work!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

As a teenager, who was your favorite music group?

Have you ever met a celebrity? If so, who?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Romans 12:1-2. From this passage, how do we truly worship God?

What can God do if we are courageous enough to give Him our lives?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-20.

What best helps you worship God?

How should a person go to the house of God? (5:1)

How did Solomon encourage us to conduct ourselves in the house of God? (5:2-3)

Why should we stand in awe of God? (5:7)

What does it mean to stand in awe of God?

Read 1 Chronicles 16:7-43. When was the last time you felt overwhelmed with thankfulness or gratitude?

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

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

What attitude should a person have toward God? (16:10-12)

For what specific reasons should we praise the Lord?

How can praising the Lord change our attitude and outlook on life?
What are some of the reasons you have to be thankful to God?

Read John 4:4-26. Do we need to go to a certain place to worship God?

Where can we worship Him?

Can our religious pursuit of doing worship the "right" way actually lead us to miss the One we're meant to encounter?

Do you let current controversies and distractions keep you from seeing what God wants to show you?

How can worshipping God help throw the blinders off our eyes so we can see more clearly?

Take it Home

Here are some suggestions you may want to use for your time with God this week:

Here are some of the ways people worshiped God in the Psalms:

Shouting to God. Dancing before Him. Bowing down. Telling of His might to others. Meditating on His truth. Quieting your heart. Lifting your hands. Playing instruments and clashing cymbals. Singing new songs. Clapping your hands. Lifting up your heads. Walking in His ways. Casting down idols. Making loud noises. Telling the nations. Seeking His face.

In what ways have you worshiped God?

Are there ways of expression listed there that you've never thought of before? Can you think of other ways you can worship God?

Read Matthew 21:1-11

What did the gathered crowd place on the road? Why? (21:8)
What did the crowds shout as Jesus entered Jerusalem? (21:9)
How did this "parade" affect those living in Jerusalem? (21:10)
What did the crowd accompanying Jesus say about Him to those in the city? (21:11) If you had lived in Jerusalem during that time, do you think you would have been a follower of Christ or one of the people who looked skeptically at all His activities? How much do you think "the crowds" today understand Jesus' purpose and mission? How might we be able to change our city or campus or country if we honored Christ as King over all? How should worship play a role in your daily life? How can you honor Jesus as King this week? What special gift (time, money, possessions, effort, etc.) of worship can you present to Jesus today?

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