

WORSHIP CATALYST | 5-22-16

REFLECT & DISCUSS

We tend to think of worship as a private encounter with God. While that is one dimension of what worship is, it was designed to be a community experience. The attitude and posture we individually bring to worship impacts the entire worship experience. Share about a poor worship experience you were a part of. What made it such a negative experience? Share about a powerful worship experience you were a part of. What contributed to this being such a powerful moment?

John 4:23-24

The fact that this Scripture mentions that there are true worshippers means the opposite is also true. What does it mean to be a false worshipper of God? What does it mean to worship the Father in spirit and truth? The original word here for worship means “to kiss the hand in respect, to bow or prostrate to express profound reverence.” How can we approach God that way? Do you feel like you have freedom to respond this way to God in worship? Why/why not?

1 Corinthians 12:12-20

When you get the stomach flu, how does it affect the rest of your body? When your body is healthy and fit, how do you feel? Our individual worship affects the body of Christ in worship. If we are distracted, unwilling to engage, or let our preferences get in the way, we become a worship virus that negatively impacts a body of believers. However, if we sincerely worship even when we don't feel like it, connect with the truth we are singing, and listen for God to speak, we become a worship catalyst that connects the body to experiencing God more powerfully. Share about a time you were a worship virus and a time you were a worship catalyst.

Colossians 3:16

In what ways does this Scripture say we should teach and admonish one another? Why are different types of worship listed here? To admonish means to advise or warn. What are ways we can teach, advise, and warn each other during worship? Why is it important to do this with gratitude in our hearts?

CHALLENGE

The next time you step into a worship gathering, prepare your heart and mind. Ask the Father to help you engage wholeheartedly, to honor Him, and to worship in spirit and truth. Be bold and have the freedom to respond however He is calling you to no matter what anyone else thinks!

PRAYER

Father, I want to be a true worshipper. I want to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help me to realize the way I respond in worship affects the entire community of worship. Empower me to be a worship catalyst!

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