

“Purpose #1: Worship” Pastor Notes Week 2

Revelation 4:11 NCV “11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you made all things. Everything existed and was made, because you wanted it.”

Matthew 22:37-38 NIV “Love the Lord your God. This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Romans 12:1 TEV “Because of God’s great mercy to us, offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship that you should offer.”

Mark 12:30 NCV “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul all your mind and all your strength.”

God wants me to love Him three ways.

- God wants me to love Him passionately.
- God wants me to love Him thoughtfully.
- God wants to love Him completely.

What is worship?

1. Worship is focusing my attention on God.

David said in Psalm 139:1-3 CEV “You have looked deep into my heart, Lord and You know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working. You notice everything I do and everywhere I go.”

- We are self-centered by nature.
- We live in self-centered culture.

Romans 8:7 MSG “Focusing on yourself is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God and ends up thinking more about self than God.”

Romans 12:2 MSG “Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”

2. Worship is also expressing my affection to God.

I John 4:19 NKJV “We love Him because He first loved us.”

Hosea 6:6 LBT, God says to Israel, “I don’t want your sacrifices. I want your love. I don’t want your offerings. I want you to know Me.”

Romans 6:13 (NLT) “13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.”

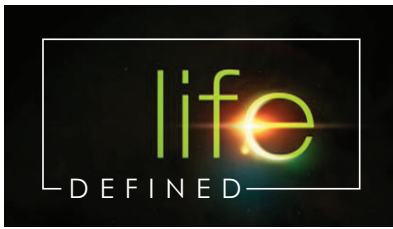
3. Worship is using my abilities for God.

Colossians 3:23 TEV “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.”

“In life, it’s not what you do that matters. It’s who you do it for. You give it all to God. And all of your work can be turned to worship. I don’t care if you’re a butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker. You can do it for God. You say, I’m going to do this as if I’m doing this for You, God. You may be a carpet cleaner. You may be an attorney. You may be a nurse. You may be an at-home mother raising children. You may be an executive or manager or a sales person or truck driver – it really doesn’t matter what you do. It’s who you do it for.”
Rick Warren / Purpose Driven Life

II Cor. 5:9 NIV “We make it our goal to please Him.”





“Purpose #1: Worship” Small Group Discussion Week 2

Think on this verse.

In the book of Revelations the Elders and the living Creatures fall down before Jesus and say: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you made all things. Everything existed and was made, because you wanted it.” -Revelation 4:11 NCV

Discuss this truth: God made all things, including you, because He wanted to. In Psalm 139:1-3 CEV David said, “You have looked deep into my heart, Lord and You know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working. You notice everything I do and everywhere I go.”

Q. What is David communicating about God?

Q. Why is God worthy of our attention?

Q. How would you define worship?

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Q. Why is it difficult to focus our attention on God?

Discuss these statements.

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Discuss this verse.

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Q. What does it mean to OFFER yourself as a living sacrifice?

