

Getting Started

1. Why do you worship?
2. What is your favorite part of worship?
What is your least favorite part? How can you overcome that?
3. Can we worship God even if we are hurting, or feel angry with him?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 94:

Q. What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

A. That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry,¹ sorcery, superstitious rites,² and prayer to saints or to other creatures.³

That I rightly know the only true God,⁴ trust him alone,⁵ and look to God for every good thing⁶ humbly⁷ and patiently,⁸ and love,⁹ fear,¹⁰ and honor¹¹ God with all my heart.

In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God's will in any way.¹²

¹ 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 10:5-14; 1 John 5:21 ² Lev. 19:31; Deut. 18:9-12 ³ Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9 ⁴ John 17:3 ⁵ Jer. 17:5, 7 ⁶ Ps. 104:27-28; James 1:17 ⁷ 1 Pet. 5:5-6 ⁸ Col. 1:11; Heb. 10:36 ⁹ Matt. 22:37 (Deut. 6:5) ¹⁰ Prov. 9:10; 1 Pet. 1:17 ¹¹ Matt. 4:10 (Deut. 6:13) ¹² Matt. 5:29-30; 10:37-39

How might this commandment shape our worship?

6. Compare Psalm 23 and Psalm 100. Are there similar themes?
7. Read Psalm 145. How might you incorporate this into a worship service?
8. Why do the Psalms work so well in worship?

Application

9. We gather as the people of God to worship our God out of gratitude. The opening of worship (the Approach) is an invitation from God to listen to him and we respond with praise. What do you need to set aside so that you can worship God more fully?

Praying Scripture

Psalm 100

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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Why We Worship

“An Invitation”

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Psalm 100:1, 2

- The opening _____ of worship set the _____ for the worship service.

- Worship arises best out of _____, not out of _____ or _____.

- Why am I _____.

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