

PLAYBOOK: *Gather in Worship*

Ephesians 5:25

Sunday, August 12, 2018

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*...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...
(Ephesians 5:25)*

WHY PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP EVERY WEEK?

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

1. You were made to _____.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:21-24)

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous... (Hebrews 11:4)

2. You are made to _____ as part of a faith family.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:4-5)

3. You are an important part of what God is doing in _____.

So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. (1 Corinthians 14:12)

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4. You need to be _____ to live for Christ in a fallen world.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. (Psalm 73:16-17)

5. Your involvement in worship is an important part of training the next _____.

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

6. You never know what is going to happen.

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit, said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:1-3)

NEXT WEEK: Grow in Community

Legend:

1. You were made to worship.
2. You are made to thrive as part of a faith family.
3. You are an important part of what God is doing in other's lives.
4. You need to be strengthened to live for Christ in a fallen world.
5. Your involvement in worship is an important part of training the next generation.

TRAIN READING PLAN: August 12-18

- Psalm 93; Matthew 11
- Psalm 94; Matthew 12
- Matthew 13
- Psalm 95; Matthew 14
- Psalm 96; Matthew 15

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