

Sermon Title: Finding God in Worship

1. Introduction:

- **Series Overview:** Exploring how we experience God in Worship, the Word, and the Sacraments.
- **Focus Today:** Finding God in Worship.

2. The Purpose of Worship:

- **Scripture:** Psalm 95:1-3
- **Key Point:** Worship is our response to God's greatness.
- **Historical Context:** Worship was central to Israel's identity and the early church.
- **Illustration:** Early Christians worshipped despite persecution.
- **Reflection Question:** How does our understanding of who God is shape our worship?

3. Experiencing God Through Worship:

- **Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 5:13-14
- **Key Point:** Worship invites God's presence.
- **Historical Context:** God's presence often manifested during worship in both Testaments.
- **Application:** Engage in personal and corporate worship.
- **Illustration:** Asbury College Revival (1970).
- **Reflection Question:** How can you make space for worship in your life?

4. Worship as Transformation:

- **Scripture:** Romans 12:1-2
- **Key Point:** Worship transforms us.
- **Historical Context:** Worship changed individuals and communities in the early church.
- **Application:** Integrate worship into daily life.
- **Illustration:** John Wesley and St. Augustine's transformations through worship.
- **Reflection Question:** How can worship transform your life and community?

5. Conclusion:

- **Summary:** Worship responds to God's greatness, invites His presence, and transforms us.
- **Challenge:** Approach worship with renewed purpose and expectation.
- **Closing Prayer:**

Questions for Reflection:

Part 1

- How does our understanding of who God is shape the way we worship?
- Do we approach worship with a sense of awe and reverence, recognizing God's majesty and greatness?
- Consider how your view of God influences your worship—both personally and corporately. Are there aspects of God's character that you need to focus on more deeply to enrich your worship experience?

Part 2

- How can you create space in your life for both personal and corporate worship?
- In what ways do you currently experience God's presence in worship, and how might you deepen that experience?

Part 3

- How can worship transform your life and community?

Practical Application

- **Start your day with worship**
- **Practice Gratitude**
- **Surrender each day to God**