

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Romans 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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THE 8 ESSENTIALS

BIBLE

FELLOWSHIP

COMMUNION

PRAYER

GENEROSITY

WORSHIP

SERVICE

MISSION

WHY WORSHIP?

1. You are what you **LOVE**.
 - Problems come when you love something you **SHOULD** love but that you should **NOT** love supremely. (Phil 1:9-11)
 - To be human is to be a **LOVER**, and to love something **ULTIMATE**.
2. You are being **FORMED**. (Proverbs 14:12, 2 Cor. 4:4)
3. Christian worship does the work of **COUNTER - FORMATION** in your life. (Romans 12:1-2)
4. The church's **WORSHIP** is the heart of **DISCIPLESHIP**.

HOW WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

- A. **CALL** to worship. (Colossians 3:15-17)
- B. **CONFESSION** and **ASSURANCE**. (Heb. 10:19-25)
- C. Listen to the **WORD**. (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)
- D. **BLESSING** and **SENDING**. (Genesis 12:1-2)
- E. You need the **ONE** who is the greatest beauty and greatest **LOVE**.

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GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. Share a brief story about one of the most powerful or influential experiences you've had with a group of friends. What was it, and why was it so significant?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 3:15-17 and Hebrews 10:19-25

2. Based on [Romans 12:1-2](#), what do these verses teach us about what we **NEED** in worship?

3. Based on [Colossians 3:15-17](#), what do these verses teach us about what we are to **DO** in worship?

4. Based on [Hebrews 10:19-25](#), what do these verses teach us about what **HAPPENS TO US** in worship?

GETTING PERSONAL

5. What are some examples of ways that our culture shapes our habits, our hearts, our loves (whether we know it or not)?

6. How do you see the act of gathering together in corporate worship to be *counterformative*, reorienting us to the *true story*, the *true love*, the *true hero*?

BRINGING IT HOME

7. What barriers are there in your life that keep you from gathering with God's people, the church, for worship?

8. In light of the passage, or what you've discussed, what is one way you'd like to take another step in PRAYER?

Or...

What is one thing the Holy Spirit is leading you to do?

PRAY TOGETHER