

## Worship

- Worship is recognizing God's works and thanking Him as some sort of offering
- Worship is your passion for God overflowing and spilling out as gratefulness for what He's done in your life
- What has He done that's good in your life?
- Everything that has happened to me that's good in my life has happened here at this church - saved, met my wife, married here, met my dog
- I have a lot to thank God for in my life
- **Most common form or definition of worship is MUSIC**
- Worship team, worship service
- So many examples of how important music is to God in the Bible
- So many different genres of worship music to choose from
- **Colossians 3:16**
- The Book of Psalms is a collection of songs and poems
- What is a Psalm?
- A song or poem used for worship
- What is a Hymn?
- A song specifically written for the purpose of adoration or prayer
- Why do people raise their hands during worship?
- Lifting their hands towards God in adoration
- **Is this the only way to worship God? HECK NO**
- **Colossians 3:17**
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- You can worship God in EVERYTHING that you do!
- Prayer, art, your time, in what you say and what you do
- Everything on this Earth serves as an opportunity to worship God
- Don't worship God in expectation of blessings
- Should we worship God only to get something in return?
- James 1:2-3
- **Worship is better together**
- Importance of church and community
- Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are gathered
- God created the church for a reason, Jesus gathered many in His name while he was here on Earth for a reason
- When you're in the middle of a good worship service or a good message from the pastor - you can feel God's presence in those moments in the form of the Holy Spirit
- Join a small group, come on Sundays, seek out God in these places and times
- Importance of relationships - the two commandments - BOTH mention a relationship
- We were created for relationship
- The first command that God said after He created man was be fruitful and multiply - Build a family! Build relationships!
- **Worship is about connection**
- Everything belongs to God - our bodies, this Earth and everything in it is temporary
- That means that everything is connected to God in some way
- Make those connections to God, thank Him for it and deepen your walk with God
- **Worship is not about us**
- It's about humbling ourselves, taking the attention off of us, putting it on God and offering ourselves as a living sacrifice
- Romans 12:1
- Giving up our sinful habits and our time to God
- **Always be worshipping**
- Does that mean we should always be happy? NO!
- You are always worshipping SOMETHING

- Grades at school, parents, drugs, alcohol, Netflix, your phone
- You give whatever you worship your time and attention - what are your priorities?
- Romans 12:2
- Everything belongs to God - our bodies, this Earth and everything in it is temporary, **but having a relationship with God is eternal**
- What are you worshipping?
- We worship God for His strength, His power and because He created us of course! But we also worship Him because of His mercy, the grace that He gives us that we don't deserve