

Main Text

Acts 2:46-47

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Psalm 95

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."

¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

Worship is about the Lord

Psalm 95:3-5

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When we consider who God is and all that He has done, worship is a natural response. He is the creator and sustainer of all things and loves us deeply.

Have you made worship about something other than God? How do you remain focused on keeping the Lord the focal point of your worship?

Worship is Immersive

Psalm 95:1-2, 6

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God inhabits the praises of His people which means we encounter His presence in worship. The atmosphere shifts and our entire being is impacted by worship.

*How do you prepare for worship to be immersive and wholistic experience (mind, body, spirit, soul)?
Have you experienced a worship time when you were physically impacted by God's presence?*

Worship is Formative

Psalm 95:7c

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

We belong to God and through the power of the Holy Spirit we are formed and molded, like clay in the hands of the potter.

How is worship formative in your life as a disciple? Are there pivotal worship moments in your spiritual journey that have marked you as a believer?

Worship Anchors us to the Lord

Psalm 95:8-11

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Worship anchors us when things are difficult, challenging, and disappointing. Sometimes you just need a praise break to remind your spirit that God has you!

What are some songs or worship moments that anchor your soul to Jesus? Share some songs and see what kind of praise break erupts in your group.