

Ready To Worship

Lessons about Worship from Examples in Scripture

Opening Prayer:

Please take time to pray as a group. Pray for our church, for the kingdom, for one another, and for anything else that God lays on your heart. Also, ask God to open hearts and minds to His Word and guide your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. God desires high-value worship from His people.
2. Worship is a lifestyle, not just an event.
3. We should worship God in spirit and truth.
4. Worship is restricted to God alone.
5. Worship can be physical and expressive.
6. Worship is eternal - we'll be doing it forever in heaven.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Joel used the analogy of a \$1 bill versus a \$100 bill to illustrate the concept of high-value worship. How would you define "high-value worship" in your own words?
2. Reflect on the story of Cain and Abel. How does the quality of our offerings to God reflect the condition of our hearts?
3. The sermon emphasized that worship is not limited to a specific location. How can we incorporate worship into our daily lives outside of church?
4. What are some potential "idols" in our lives that might compete with our worship of God?
5. Pastor Joel described David's uninhibited worship and Michal's critical response. Have you ever felt self-conscious about expressing worship? How can we overcome this?
6. How does understanding that worship is eternal change our perspective on worshipping here on earth?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, set aside 15-20 minutes each day for intentional worship. This could include prayer, singing, reading Scripture, or simply sitting in God's presence.
2. Evaluate your "offerings" to God (time, talents, resources). Are you giving God your best, or your leftovers? Make one concrete change to prioritize God in your life.

3. Practice being more physically expressive in your worship, even if it feels uncomfortable at first. This might mean lifting your hands, kneeling, or even dancing before the Lord.
4. Before next Sunday's service, spend time preparing your heart for worship. Arrive early and pray for God to meet you in the service.
5. Identify one area of your life where you struggle to worship God (e.g., at work, in difficult relationships). Brainstorm ways to incorporate worship into that area this week.

Closing Prayer