The Oaks Community Church Worship Guide



I. A Call to Worship

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

The Oaks Priority #5

We are an international church. We emphasize God's love and plan to reach every nation, tribe, and tongue and incorporate all people groups into His church.

Praise the LORD, all you nations. Praise Him, all you people of the earth. For His unfailing love for us is powerful; the LORD'S faithfulness endures forever. Psalm 117:1, 2 (NLT)

III. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45 (NLT)

IV. Sharing Family Communion

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. Isaiah 1:18 (NIV)

Worship, Praise & Thanksgiving According to God's Word

V.

Worshiping God with Awe & Affection Psalm 95:1-8; John 4:19-26 Pastor Gary Barber

What is your purpose? Why do you exist?

Bring the ones who are called by My name; the ones I made, shaped, and created for My profound glory." Isaiah 43:7 (VOICE)

Almighty God is seeking worshipers who will bring Him glory.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism states: Man's [Humanity's] chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy Him forever.

"O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods, in whose hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

Psalm 95:1-8a (NASB)

Biblical worship honors God for who He is and what He does – His attributes and His actions.

<u>Shachah</u> [Worship]: to bow down in reverence, awe, humility, and surrender.

Jesus' Teaching on Worship

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." John 4:19-26 (NIV)

Accurate knowledge of God based on His Word is essential for true worship.

Education \rightarrow Exultation \rightarrow Exaltation

Worship/Proskuneo [Worship]: to turn towards (pros) and kiss (kuneo)

Are you willing to learn to worship the Father in Spirit and Truth with Awe and Affection?

Prayer and Reflection

Declaration of Yahweh's Greatness

Leader: You are here moving in our midst

People: Yahweh, I worship you!

Leader: You are Way maker, miracle worker

People: Yahweh, I adore you!

Leader: You are promise keeper, light in the darkness

People: Yahweh, I trust you!

Leader: My God, that is who you are

People: Yahweh, I praise you!

Leader: Even when I don't see it you're working

People: Yahweh, I cling to you!

Leader: Even when I don't feel it you're working

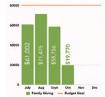
People: Yahweh, I need you! Leader: You never stop working People: Yahweh, you are my God! Leader: You never stop working

People: Yahweh, I run into your Name! Leader: You are my Father and King

People: Yahweh, I love you!

Church Community Group Discussion Questions – Worship in Spirit & Truth

- 1. **Purpose and Glory** Isaiah 43:7 reminds us we were created for God's glory. How does knowing this shape the way you live your life?
- 2. **Joyful Worship** Psalm 95 encourages us to sing, shout, and give thanks. How do you currently express joy in your worship, and what might God be inviting you to try?
- 3. **God's Greatness** Reflect on God as Creator, Sustainer, and Caretaker. How does this understanding impact your heart when you worship Him?
- 4. **Bowing in Awe** Psalm 95 talks about bowing down in reverence (shachah). What does humility and surrender look like in your personal worship?
- 5. **Spirit and Truth** Jesus said God seeks worshipers "in Spirit and in truth" (John 4:23–24). What do you think it means to worship in Spirit? In truth?
- 6. **Affection in Worship** Imagine worship as an affectionate, tender expression toward God. How might this perspective change your daily worship or prayer life?
- Growth in Worship John Piper describes worship as a process: Education → Exultation → Exaltation.
 Which step do
 - you feel most drawn to or challenged by, and why?
- 8. **Practical Application** What is one tangible way you can grow in worship this week, either personally or as part of a community?
- 9. Pray for one another and your FRANCES.



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