

## Week 2: What Worship Is and What It Is Not

### Why Worship Matters in the Life of a Believer

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#### I. What Worship Is (Worth, Spirit, and Truth)

- Worship comes from the Old English word for “worth,” meaning we assign God His true value and merit.
- It is the act of reordering our priorities to declare He matters more than anything else.
- We were specifically formed and created by God for the purpose of declaring His praise.
- True worship requires an engaged heart (spirit) and a foundation in Scripture rather than just feelings (truth).

#### II. The Cost of Worship: Sacrifice and Purity

- Worship is no longer worship when it costs the worshiper nothing.
- Purity is found when we step past our comfort zones and lay down what has become routine.
- Pushing through the things that terrify us is where God meets us, grows us, and stretches us.
- Pure worship has nothing to gain for itself; it only seeks to touch the heart of God.

#### III. What We Love, We Worship

- We naturally sacrifice our time, attention, and energy for whatever holds the highest value in our hearts.
- Wherever your treasure is, the desires and affections of your heart will follow.
- Loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind is the ultimate expression of worship.
- It is possible to lead others outwardly while our own hearts are misaligned and worshipping something else.

#### IV. Worship as a Lifestyle: Beyond Sunday

- Worship is not just a Sunday service; it is the pattern of our daily decisions and relationships.
- When our hearts are full of Him, his love naturally pours out into the way we live and speak.
- Our goal should be for our daily words and lifestyle to be a consistent reflection of what Jesus has done for us.
- Worship is personal and constant; it should not stop just because the music ends.

#### V. Why We Worship: Scripture Foundations

- We worship because God is the Creator and rightful Owner of everything in heaven and earth.
- Worship is an act of obedience to the command to serve and worship Him only.
- He is worthy of praise because of His greatness, power, mercy, and salvation.
- A living sacrifice means our worship isn't just a song, it's the way we offer our entire lives to him.

#### VI. Worship Through Service

- Because worship is love for God, service is love expressed toward people.
- Serving one another humbly in love is a direct way to love your neighbor as yourself.
- Every ability like greeting, cooking, cleaning, or hosting becomes an offering to Him.
- When we serve others, we are actually returning worship back to the Giver.

#### VII. Heavenly Worship: Our Eternal Perspective

- Our worship here on earth is preparing us for the worship we will join in eternity.
- Scripture shows us a glimpse of heaven where worship is unending and God's holiness is declared forever.
- In heaven, we will lay every reward and achievement before Him, giving all credit back to God.
- Our ultimate purpose is to be numbered among the worshipers of God for eternity.

