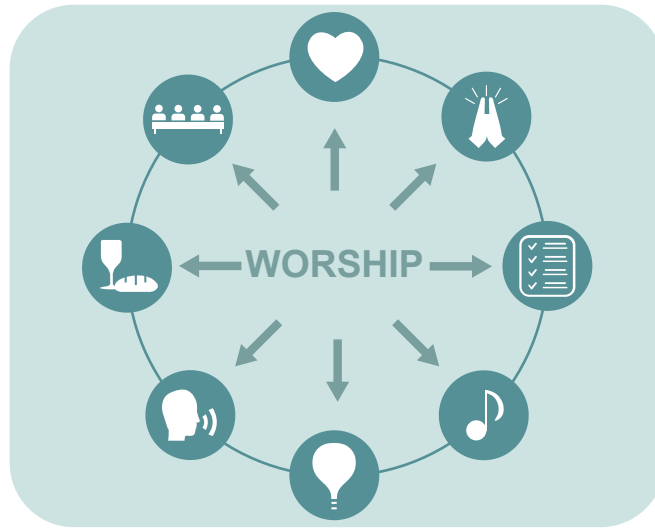




WHAT IS WORSHIP?



Many people immediately think of singing when they hear the word worship.



While singing is a FORM of worship, there are many other forms that most Christians do not associate with worship.

So what is worship?

“To worship God is to ascribe the proper worth to God, to magnify His worthiness of praise, or better, to approach and address God as He is worthy...worship is focusing on and responding to God.”

Donald S. Whitney¹

Worship should be our natural and authentic response to learning about the one true God.

We learn about the worthiness of God

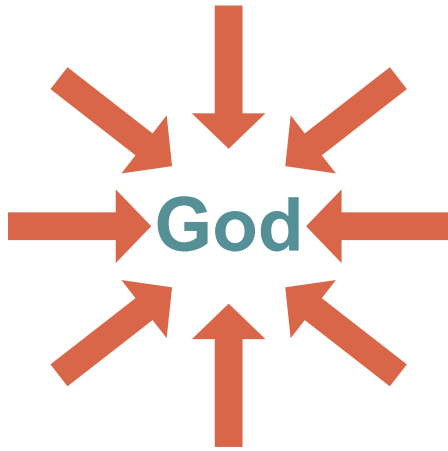
the Holy Spirit at work in us

We are compelled to worship God



GOD: THE OBJECT OF OUR WORSHIP

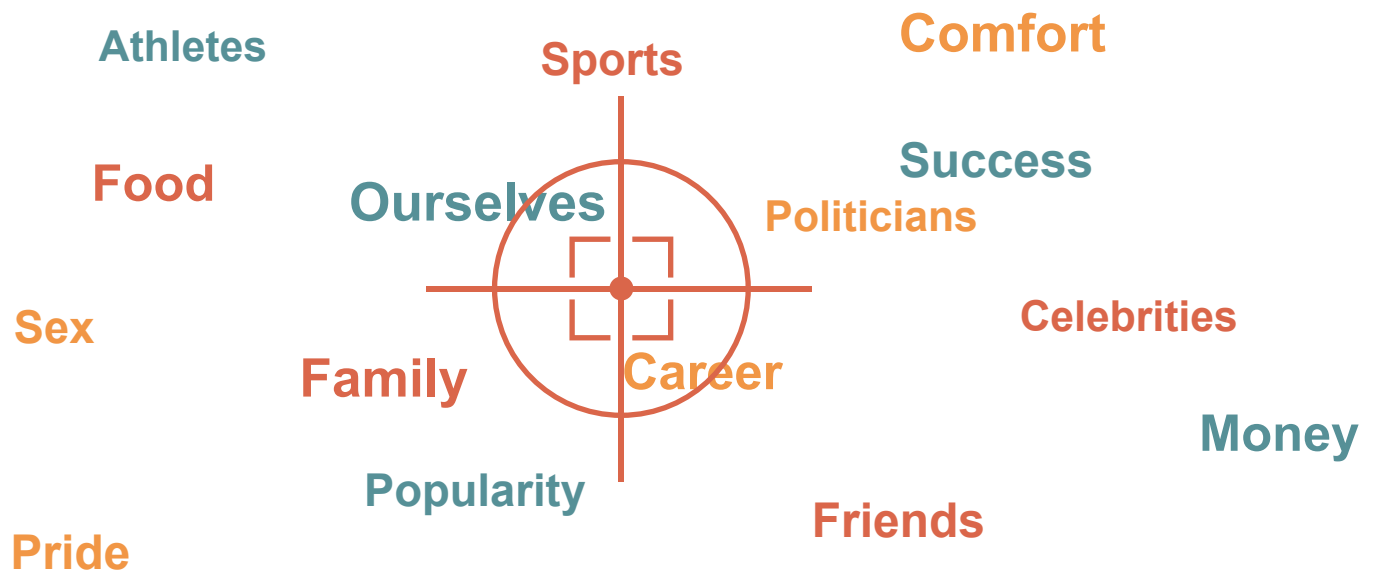
God alone is worthy of worship



- God created us
Genesis 1:26
- God died for us
Galatians 1:3-4
- God adopted us
Ephesians 1:5
- God loves us
Romans 5:8
- God provides for us
Matthew 6:31-32
- God reveals Himself to us
Romans 1:20
- God gives us the Holy Spirit
John 14:26
- God is perfect
Matthew 5:48

If God is not the focus of our worship then we are not worshipping God. We can go to church every week and take part in worship services without ever actually worshipping God. The act of worship must involve a heart that is centered on God.

What do we worship instead of God?





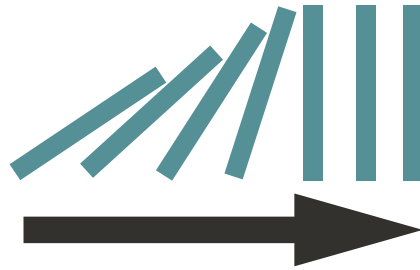
THE TIME FOR WORSHIP

The purpose of life is to glorify God



We glorify God by recognizing His worth and responding in worship

Worshipping God



Glorifies God

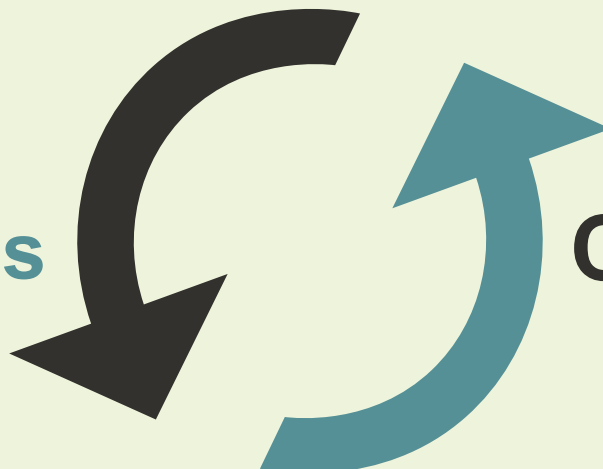
“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
1 Corinthians 10:31

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.”
Hebrews 13:15

“...so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.”
1 Peter 4:11

“Every breathing moment, we are invited to live in the presence of God and enjoy fellowship with Him.”
Rory Noland²

Worship is



CONSTANT



THE IMPORTANCE OF WORSHIP

**We were
created to
worship**

1

We exist to glorify God (Isaiah 43:7, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 Corinthians 10:31). Worship is the primary way in which we can glorify God. When we worship God, we are doing what we were created to do.

**We are
commanded to
worship**

2

We are also commanded to worship (Romans 12:1, Psalm 150:6). Is it egotistical for God to command us to worship? Absolutely not! We will explore why in point 4.

**We are called to
worship**

3

Worship is an essential part of who we are as Christians. True believers worship God by the Spirit of God (Philippians 3:3).

**We are
compelled to
worship**

4

God commands us to worship Him not because He needs us to worship Him, but because we need to worship Him. We find ultimate purpose and joy through worshipping God. We all worship various things, but only worshipping God fulfills us and brings us true joy.

**We are destined
to worship**

5

We will worship God for all eternity (Psalm 111:10). There is no reason to wait until we get to Heaven to begin worshipping God.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

John 4:21

“a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.”

We can worship God anywhere



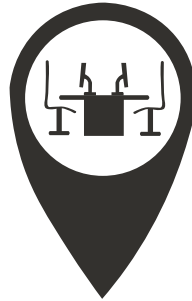
at home



at church



at school



at work



outside



at the gym



in the car



at the store



in the kitchen



in a plane



in the shower



anywhere!

“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. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 4:23-24

Worship in Spirit

True worship comes from the heart (Matthew 15:8-9). As we begin to learn more about God, our heart responds with joy, affection, amazement, and humility. We respond with emotion to the truth about God.

Worship in Truth

True worship comes from learning and understanding the truth about God as revealed through the Bible, nature, and the Holy Spirit. The mind must understand God before the heart can respond to God. True worship is grounded in truth.



A RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION: WHO IS GOD?

thinking about God

God is perfect	God loves me	God created me	God allows me to have a relationship with Him	God has saved me from eternity in hell
God has given me His Spirit to dwell inside me	God communicates with me	God is perfectly just	God is creative	God is wise
God is good	God is powerful	God is all-knowing	God will defeat evil	God will restore creation
God is in control of all things	God died in order to save me	God has given me a job	God has given me health	God has blessed me by giving me a loving family



responding in WORSHIP



I must glorify God	I must praise God through words	I must praise God through song	I must praise God through dancing	I must repent of my sins
I must confess my sins to	I must serve God	I must honor God	I must love God	I must obey God
I must form a relationship with God	I must grow my relationship with God	I must form a relationship with God's people (the Church)	I must worship God with other believers	I must learn more about God: Read the Bible Read other books Listen to sermons
I must tell others about how great God is and what He has done for me	I must take part in His sufferings: Communion Self-discipline Persecution for my beliefs	I must be a good steward of what God has given me	I must raise my family to love God	I must have a good work ethic
I must thank God for everything He has done for me	I must trust God	I must praise God even in difficult times	I must spend time listening to God	I must love God's creation: People Animals Nature