



Participate in Worship

Meaningful Membership - Part 4

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Big Idea: Whenever I am in the Capital District, I will regularly participate in public worship, celebration and fellowship with the corporate body of believers called Grace Fellowship.

Text: Selected Scriptures

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts... – Psalm 95:6-8a

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. – Psalm 27:4-5

I. WHAT IS WORSHIP?

1. A _____.

2. A _____.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! – Psalm 8:3-4, 9

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. – Acts 2:44-47

II. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF WORSHIP?

A. To _____ God.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
- Psalm 29:2

The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.
- Psalm 147:11

B. It _____ us.

C. A testimony _____.

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III. HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR PERSONAL AND CORPORATE WORSHIP MORE EFFECTIVE?

A. Make sure your _____ of worship is correct.

B. _____.

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. - Ecclesiastes 5:1

C. Worship ought to be a _____ in our lives and not an afterthought.

D. _____.

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." - John 4:23-24