



The Who, What, When, Where, Why & How of Biblical Worship

---a six week discovery Bible Study

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Week Six-- The "Why" of Biblical Worship: What We Were Made For

I. Worship Song:

The Journey is My Own by Sara Groves, c1999 Sara Groves Music, ccli #3422546

Vs. 1 When I stand before the Lord
I'll be standing alone
This journey is my own
Still I want man's advice
And I need man's approval
But this journey is my own

Chorus: Why would I want to live for man
And pay the highest price?
What would it mean to gain the world
Only to lose my life?

Vs. 2 So much of what I do
Is to make a good impression
This journey is my own
So much of what I say
Is to make myself look better
This journey is my own

Vs. 3 I have never felt relief
Like I feel it right now
This journey is my own
'Cause trying to please the world
It was breaking me down
It was breaking me down

Bridge: Now I live and I breathe
For an audience of one
Now I live and I breathe
For an audience of one
Now I live and I breathe
For an audience of one
'Cause I know this journey is my own

II. Video: Gift of Worship

Available from www.Sermonspice.com

Discuss the video: How important are sound, visuals, seating, volume to corporate worship? What is the significance of the cross? Do you think the church can think worship is about us, not Him?

III. Discovery/Interaction Exercises: Read and discuss.

A. Why Worship? We were CREATED to.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen **people**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a **people** belonging to God, that you may declare the **praises** of him who called you out of darkness into **his** wonderful light.

Isaiah 43:21

21 "The people whom I formed for Myself
Will declare My praise."

John 4:23

23 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.

B. Why Worship? He is HOLY.

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Psalm 99:9

9 Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.

C. Why Worship? It fosters INTIMACY and RELATIONSHIP with God.

Proverbs 3:31-32

31 Do not envy a man of violence
And do not choose any of his ways.
32 For the devious are an abomination to the LORD;
But He is intimate with the upright.

Zephaniah 3:17

17 "The LORD your God is in your midst,
 A victorious warrior
 He will exult over you with joy,
 He will be quiet in His love,
 He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

Psalm 22:3

3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Luke 10:27

He answered: " **Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' ; and, '**Love your neighbor** as yourself.' "

D. Why Worship? To THANK Him SAVING us**Hebrews 12:28**

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire.

Psalm 118:21

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
 you have become my salvation.

**E. Why Worship? To HEAR God
SPEAK.****Proverbs 3:31-32**

31 Do not envy a violent man
 or choose any of his ways,
 32 for the LORD detests a perverse man
 but takes the upright into his confidence.

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**F. Why Worship? To DEFEAT the PLANS
of SATAN.**

"Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call; This I know, that God is for me." (Psalm 56:9)

“I pursued my enemies and overtook them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed. I shattered them, so that they were not able to rise; They fell under my feet. For Thou hast girded me with strength for battle; Thou hast subdued under me those who rose up against me. Thou hast also made my enemies turn their backs to me, And I destroyed those who hated me.” (Psalm 18:37-40)

“Depart from me, all you who do iniquity, For the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord has heard my supplication, The Lord receives my prayer. All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly dismayed; They shall turn back, they shall suddenly be ashamed.” (Psalm 6:8-10)

“They surrounded me like bees; They were extinguished as a fire of thorns; In the name of the Lord I will surely cut them off.” (Psalm 118:12)

“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

G Why Worship? To BECOME more CHRISTLIKE

Romans 12:1-2

1Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual^[a] act of worship.
2Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

H. Why Worship? To ENCOURAGE one another

Ephesians 5:18-21

18And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,
19speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;
21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Hebrews 10:24-25

24And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

I. Why Worship? To be BLESSED.**Psalm 84:4**

4 How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!
They are ever praising You.

Psalm 21**III. Applications for this week:**

A. Spend time with God this week, asking Him to show you any part of your heart that is not focused on Him. Then ask Him to help you re-focus.

B. Look over the handouts from the past 6 weeks. What made the biggest impression on you? Study that area further.