

Worship at Home

We often use the word “worship” to refer to a time of singing together, but is that all worship is? And since we’re not meeting together on Sunday, how can we have a meaningful time of worship in our homes this weekend? Take a moment and read this short devotional and consider doing a couple of these things.



STOP for a moment before continuing and answer this question: **“When you hear the word ‘worship,’ what comes into your mind?”**

23 Sing to the Lord, all the earth;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

24 Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

25 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

he is to be feared above all gods.

1 Chronicles 16:23-25

“Worship is our response to God’s revelation.”

Worship was initiated by God. He gives us breath and life so that we might glorify Him. He gives us a share in His glory, so that we can return it and make much of Him. He gives us songs to sing so that we can sing them back to Him. He reveals, we respond. Think for a moment about how God has chosen to show Himself to us.

STOP for a moment before continuing and answer this question: **“How has God revealed Himself to you?”**

I made a short list myself (in no particular order):

He reveals Himself to us through creation, through His Son, through His Spirit, through His grace and forgiveness, through His actions, through His Word, through His voice and whispers, through the cross, through His covenant, through each other (who are made in His image), through music and song, through laughter and tears, through the stars and the moon, through a sunset or sunrise, through a hurricane or earthquake, through miracles, through those who persevere under intense trials, through simple faith. In all these things and more, God reveals Himself, we respond and that response is worship.

What I’m really driving at here is this – if our definition of worship is limited to singing songs to God on Sunday mornings, then our view is way too small. Our whole lives are to be lived out as a “worship response” to an Almighty God who has poured Himself out to us.

STOP for a moment before continuing and answer this question: **“What are some ways that you respond to God’s revelation that maybe you haven’t thought of as worship before?”** (look at that list above again)

Jesus made it really simple for us when He said this:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30).

The greatest commandment, the one greater than all others, is to worship God. How? In all ways. When? At all times. Where? Everywhere.

Heart - worship Him with passion and emotion

Mind - worship Him with knowledge and understanding

Soul - worship Him with conviction

Strength - worship Him with actions and service

So then, the great question should never be "how was worship?" The question should be "are you worshipping?" Or better yet, "is my worship an appropriate response to all that God has revealed?"

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Romans 12:1

So how does this help me worship at home? Here's some ideas...

- 1) As part of your "worship time," share with each other about how you could worship God throughout the week. To help you answer that, consider this question – "When you feel closest to God, what are you doing, where are you, who are you with?"
- 2) Youtube is filled with amazing recordings of worship music. Have each person in your family pick one of their favorite songs and take a moment to watch a recording or sing along with it.
- 3) Make a thankfulness list – grab a blank piece of paper and make a list of specific things that each of you are thankful to God for. Then color it and make it beautiful!
- 4) Go outside and take a walk on one of our trails but have your conversation center on things you see, hear, smell and touch that remind you of God's revelation in creation.
- 5) Share a meal together and enjoy the great food that God has provided.
- 6) Do communion at home as a family – it doesn't even have to be grape juice! As you share communion, talk about what Jesus' death means to you.
- 7) Have a dance party – especially those of you with young kids!

Here's the key: begin again to view your entire life as an act of worship, a response to God's amazing revelation.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17