

REVIEW

- Week 1: Preaching the Word
- Week 2: Communion
- Week 3: Prayer
- These practices were foundational to the early church.
- These practices are foundational to us the church now.

Acts 2:42–47 (NIV84) ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

John 4:23–24 (NIV84) ²³Yet 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND SINGING

WORSHIP TOGETHER HELPS UNIFY US WITH OUR GOD AND EACH OTHER.

"Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers meeting together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship."

- A.W. Tozer, "100 Pianos," *Tozer on Christian Leadership*, 2001

John 17:20–21 (NIV84) ²⁰My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

WORSHIP PREPARES US FOR OUR MISSION AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS. Worship helps us remember what's true about God. Worship of God sustains us. We were designed to worship God.

Matthew 15:8–9 (NIV84) ⁸"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁹They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

Psalms 103:1–5 (ESV) ¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP! We magnify the greatness of God together.

1 Chronicles 16:25–29 (NIV84) ²⁵For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. ²⁸Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ²⁹ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

WORSHIP REMINDS US WHAT IS TRUE. Worship renews our minds.

Psalms 73 (NLT) A psalm of Asaph.

CLOSING

We were designed to worship. What or who are you worshipping now?

Exodus 20:2–3 (NIV84) ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³You shall have no other gods before me.

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS:

Passages to consider: Psalm 147, Ephesians 5:15-20, Acts 2:42-47

- 1. Share what was impactful from the sermon.
- 2. How would you explain “worship?”
- 3. Read Psalm 147 and Ephesians 5:15-20. What place does worship and music have in relationship with the Lord? A) What do these passages help us remember about who God is and who we are?
- 4. How do you remind yourself who God is and what He has done? A) How do you help others, or how do others help you, remember?
- 5. There are many ways to worship, even during our large gatherings. What helps you engage and remember who God is? A) What songs or music have been impactful to you in focusing on God?
- 6. In what ways do you want to respond in worship, personally and corporately, this next week?

Passages to prepare for next week (Week 5 - Baptism): Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 6:1-14

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