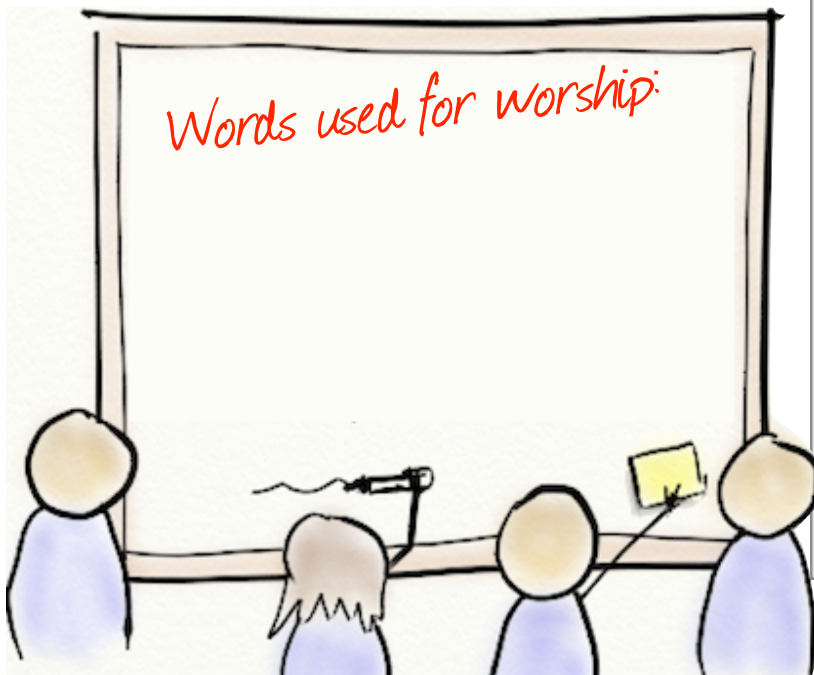


What is worship?



Worship |'wərSHəp|

1. show reverence and adoration for (a deity)
2. treat (someone or something) with the reverence and adoration appropriate to a deity
3. take part in a religious ceremony

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Biblical / Theological Definition of Worship

subjecting oneself to God:
doing what pleases God
and being pleased with
what God does

*Worship is right affections in the heart
toward God, rooted in right thoughts in
the head about God, becoming visible in
right actions of the body reflecting God.*

John Piper

*God's glory and greatness
finding a fitting reflection
in this world*

Worship is seeing the
worth of God and giving
God what he is worth.

Tim Keller

Basic Principles of Worship

1. Worship is to be God centered



Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Psalm 115:1

2. Worship is to be Christ focused



Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

3. Worship is to be Spirit filled



But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 14:6

4. Worship is to be Word based



5. Worship is to be all engaging



Worship is...

- ♦ the quickening of the conscience by the holiness of God;
- ♦ the feeding of the mind by the truth of God;
- ♦ the purging of the imagination by the beauty of God;
- ♦ the opening of the heart to the love of God;
- ♦ the devotion of the will to the purpose of God.

William Temple

Archbishop of Canterbury, 1942-44

6. Worship is to be life encompassing



7. Worship is to be communal



For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:4-5

8. Worship is to be world reaching



9. Worship is to be cultural specific



For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

1 Corinthians 9:19-22