

Worship in the Worship Leader's life Small Group Bible Study



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The Salvation Army

What is worship?

How would you define worship?

Write a list of all the synonyms (words that mean the same thing) for Worship.

Compare your list to Roget's thesaurus. (on page 15)

How does the Bible define worship?

Shaha (Hebrew) & proskuneo (Greek) Humility: denote the act of bowing or prostrating oneself in submissiveness and reverence. The outward posture reflected an inner attitude of humility and respect.

Yare (Hebrew) & sebornai (Greek) Reverence: the fear of wonder and awe at the majesty and greatness of the infinite God.

Abad (Hebrew) & latreuo (Greek) Service: 'to work, to labour, or to serve.'

Which terms could you attribute to your worship? (both personally and at corporate level – in your corps)

What do these Scriptures tell us about worship?

Luke 4:8 Jesus answered, It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’

Romans 12:1 Therefore, 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 act of worship.

Hebrews 13:15-16 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Psalm 34:1 I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

What does a worshipper look like? Write a description.



“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers that the Father seeks. God is Spirit and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23

What does it mean to worship in ‘spirit and in truth’?

1 Corinthians 2:10 ...but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’

Write in your own words what it means to worship in ‘spirit and in truth’.

What happens when we don't worship?

Romans 1:21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

“A lukewarm heart cannot perform boiling hot worship nor can a rebellious life revere God with any depth of sincerity.”

p. 23 A heart of worship by LaMar Boschman (Creation House: Orlando FL, 1998)

What does this statement mean?

How does our private life affect our public life?

Colossians 3:16-18 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 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.

Matthew 12:34-35 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

Matthew 7:22-23 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Isaiah 1:15-17 When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood; wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.

Titus 1:16 They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Read Mark 12:30-31

How can you “...love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...love your neighbour as yourself”?

What is the message in each of these Scriptures?
What does it teach us about worship?

HEART:

Romans 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

SOUL:

Psalms 130:1 (AMP) Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

MIND:

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

STRENGTH:

James 2:22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.

OTHERS:

Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift.

1 Timothy 2:1-8 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

1 Timothy 3:1-2a “Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.”

According to 1 Timothy 3:1-7, What qualifications must a (worship) leader have?

How can I tune (improve) my instrument (me) of worship?

Keys to healthy worship:

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- Cultivate a lifestyle of thankfulness and praise – gathering for worship then becomes an extension of our daily walk with the Lord.
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- Be expectant!
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- Preparation – not just the practicalities of the craft but also internal preparation. Like those running a race, preparation is the key to success.
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- Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love others as yourself

Roget's Thesaurus

worship	genuflect	celebrate	celebrate
honour	humble oneself	light candles to	officiate
revere	be humbled	call on	minister
venerate	bless	invoke	sacrifice
adore	give thanks	petition	propitiate
respect	extol	beseech	appease
honour and obey	laud	supplicate	pacify
pay homage	magnify	intercede	vow
to acknowledge	glorify	entreat	dedicate
deify	give glory to	pray	consecrate
idolatrize	praise	meditate	shout hallelujah
bow down before	hymn	contemplate	praise
kneel to	anthem		

