



## Portland International Church – Search the Scriptures

### CHURCH LIFE STUDY SERIES: May 2021: CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

#### Christian Worship

The Bible teaches us how to worship and lift the name of Jesus so that our lives can be changed through Worship. In John 4:23, the Bible tells us that God is the one who seeks and draws Christians into worship. Worship is our human response to God's divine initiative.

When we think of worship, the first thing that comes to mind is singing, attending church services, or praying. These are certainly expressions of worship, but Worship goes beyond that. As Christians, our spiritual service of worship is giving ourselves to God and sacrificing ourselves each passing day. Worship is therefore a lifestyle.

Romans 12:1-2(NIV): Therefore, I urge you, brothers, and sisters, because of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God -this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

#### Week 1 - Introduction

##### Questions

**Q1)** What does worship mean to you?

**Q2)** What does the Bible say about Worship?

- Worship God in Spirit and Truth: John 4:23-24
- Present your bodies as a Living sacrifice: Romans 12:1
- Let the peace of God rule in your hearts: Colossians 3:14-17
- Worship as a form of sacrifice. Genesis 20:5

**Q3)** What are the effects/benefits of worship?

- Worship in the spirit versus worshipping in the flesh. Matthew 15:8-9, Cain, and Abel: 1 Samuel 16:7
- Acts 16:23-26
- 2 Chronicles 5:11-14

**Pray:** Spend time in prayer and ask God to give you a deeper understanding of what worship means and how it applies to us as God's children.

#### Week 2

##### Questions

**Q1)** How many types of Christian Worship do you know?

- Personal and private worship
- Prayer
- Songs
- Public worship
- Praise: Ephesians 5:20, 2 Chronicles 5:13
- Joyful Songs: Psalm 100:1-2

**Q2)** How can an average Christian who may not have singing capabilities practically worship the Lord even outside church?

- Worship is a time when Christians pay deep, sincere, awesome respect and love to God who created us. Acts 17:24-25

**Q3)** As Christians, how can we Glorify God in worship and what could be some of the roadblocks/hindrances to Worship?

**Pray:** Pray to the Lord to teach you to have the desire to learn how to worship God in truth and spirit.

### **Week 3**

#### **Questions**

**Q1)** How can Christians focus on the main reason for worship and not see worship as entertainment?

**Q2)** What is the best way to structure and organize Christ centered corporate worship?

**Q3)** What are the elements that a good worship program should have?

**Pray: Pray to God to show you how to worship as defined by the priority Christians should place on God.**