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### MARK #4

## A DISCIPLE...GATHERS WITH THE CHURCH TO WORSHIP

Optional Resource:

"How to participate in Your Church"

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#### INTRODUCTION

The word "worship" originates from "worth-ship," the condition of being worthy. We worship God because He alone is worthy of our worship.

Many churches today call the place where they meet on Sunday mornings the "worship center." Still other congregations call their place of worship a "sanctuary," which means a sacred place. The term "sanctuary" focuses more on where we worship, where the term "worship center" focuses on the act of worship. In this lesson we will explore what it means to worship God and why it is so important for followers of Christ to participate in worship together.

When we speak of Christian worship, the "who" is

much more important than the "where." In the New Testament, references to worship never refer to a place of worship but rather an assembly of believers.

#### WHO WE WORSHIP

We worship God because of Who He is, more than for what He does. In fact, God's character and His attributes dictate what He does.

Read Psalm 135:3, 5	j.	
What two words in t describe God?	this well-known cl	hildren's prayer
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Some of God's attrik show His greatness		
Eternal		
(no beginning or end) Sovereign		
(complete authority ove	r all of creation)	
Omniscient		
(all knowing)		
Omnipresent		
(everywhere at once) Omnipotent		
(all powerful)		

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#### God's Goodness

Read Deuteronomy 32:4.

God is just. He is the perfect judge. How should this encourage you, according to Hebrews 6:10?

Read Psalm 119:137				
God is also righteous. It is impossible for Him to do or cause anything that is wrong.				
Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.				
How do you see God's righteousness and justice working together in this verse?				
HOW WE WORSHIP				
Jesus said that true worshippers worship the Father in spirit and truth (John 4:23). In Psalm 122:1, David proclaimed, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Let's see from another Psalm some activities that might constitute worship.				
Read Psalm 96.				
Match the verse in the left c activity in the right column	olumn with the correct			
Verse 1 Verse 2b Verse 4	<ul><li>a. Give an offering</li><li>b. Praise</li><li>c. Preach the Word and witness</li></ul>			
Verse 8 Verse 9	d. Sing e. Worship			

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

What act of worship is prescribed in this passage? What is its purpose?

The style of worship may vary from church to church, but the elements of worship should be fairly constant. A time of praise and worship through singing and prayer is appropriate in every worship service. God's people should be given an opportunity to give tithes and offerings to the Lord's work through the local church. The people need to be challenged and encouraged through the proclamation of God's Word by the pastor. Finally, a time of observing the Lord's Supper should be scheduled periodically to remember the Lord's death until He comes.

#### WHY WE WORSHIP

Prayerfully read each of the quotes about worship below.

"A glimpse of God will save you. To gaze at Him will sanctify you." Manley Beasley

"As worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. Holy obedience saves worship from becoming an opiate, an escape from the pressing needs of modern life." Richard Foster

"We only learn to behave ourselves in the presence of God." C.S. Lewis

"Worship must be Christ centered, Holy Spirit led, a response to the Father, about intimacy and service, and

always lead to transformation!" Tim Hughes

"When God's people begin to praise and worship Him using the Biblical methods He gives, the power of His presence comes among His people in an even greater measure." Graham Truscott

"Worship has been misunderstood as something that arises from a feeling which 'comes upon you,' but it is vital that we understand that it is rooted in a conscious act of the will, to serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ." Graham Kendrick

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worthy of worship. According to these men, what affec	
should the true worship of God have on us?	
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Read 2 Corinthians 3:18.

As we see God in worship and through His Word, we are transformed into Jesus' likeness by the Spirit of God.

#### **APPLICATION**

Read Hebrews 10:23-25.

In this passage, what three things are we instructed to do in the context of corporate worship?

Verse 23:	
Verse 24:	
Verse 25:	

The first action involves a personal commitment to steadfastness in our faith. The next two actions concern stimulating each other toward good works and encouraging other people. Notice that all three actions take place in the context of meeting together with other believers. You cannot be encouraged or encourage others if you are not participating in worship with the Body of Christ.

Do you remember a time when you were involved in an activity, either spiritual or social, and you got out of the habit of attending? What factors hindered you from regularly participating?

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The same factors can hinder regular church attendance. But the stakes are higher.

Every disciple needs to be a consistently participating member of a church body! This means worshipping with, learning with, singing with, and serving with the Body of Christ; it is much more than just being a "pew sitter." When you stand before Christ, you will want to hear Him say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant."

#### **SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE:**

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrew 10:24-25