

Sermon Notes

Worship: Making It Meaningful

Psalms 89:15-17

- Worship - 496
- Pray/Praying/Prayer - 436
- Sing/Song/Sang/Music - 514

Colossians 3:16 Psalms 105:1-2 Psalms 150

#1 Get your focus off yourself and put it on Jesus.

- The heart of worship is and always has been blessing Him, coming to intimacy with Him, giving to Him, He is the center of worship, and how dare we ever make us the center of worship. Worship isn't to please me, it's to please Jesus. Worship is for Jesus, it's to Jesus, and it's about Jesus. - Mike Pilavachi
- Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God. – Eugene Peterson

Luke 10:27

#2 Meaningful worship involves your emotions

- John 4:23-24 Psalms 63:1 Psalms 84:2 Zephaniah 3:17 Psalms 100
- Shouting praises: Psalms 71:23 Psalms 33:3

#3 Meaningful worship involves your body

The Greek word for "worship"

"to kiss, to fall down, to bow down before and give reverence"

The Hebrew word for "worship"

"to fall or to lay face down before someone on the ground, touching your forehead to the earth"

- Standing Psalms 119:120
- Bowing, kneeling Psalms 95:6
- Lifting of eyes and head Psalms 3:3 Psalms 123:1
- Clapping hands Psalms 47:1
- Dancing Psalms 149:3 Psalms 150:4

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Raising of hands

- Psalms 63:4 Psalms 88:9 Psalms 134:2 Psalms 143:6
Lamentations 2:19 Lamentations 3:41

2 Samuel 6

Worship FAQ & Tips

Why do we sing a phrase over and over again?

- Revelation 4:8
- Psalms 136 has 26 repetitions of "His love endures forever"
- The absence of repetition leaves worship simply in the mind. Without repetition our minds keep racing to grasp the next idea or thought in the song. Great worship songs & worship leaders have a mix of new thoughts and repetition.

Why does the worship band keep playing when there are no words for me to sing?

Use your imagination in worship

Learn to give and receive love in worship

Keep your heart focused on Jesus throughout the worship time

Have a heart of worship throughout the week.

"Nothing brings glory down in the church as quickly and as powerfully as when God's people unashamedly adore God's great Son, Jesus Christ. Not just a few enthusiasts in the front row when the service starts but a room packed to the walls with fired up Christians" – James Macdonald