

Bible Study

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Authentic Worship

Why do you attend church service? Why do we **GATHER** on Sunday mornings and Tuesday nights? Worship is more than just singing a few songs, performing a few rituals, and enduring a sermon. We come to *experience the presence of God*, to *acknowledge his authority in our lives*, and to *worship Him as our creator*.

Tonight's lesson will answer the questions: Does your worship honor God? Does it inspire, uplift, and transform the worshipper? Is it powerful enough to draw visitors closer to an encounter with Jesus Christ?

- I. We Gather for Worship to _____.
- Psalm 29:2
 - Revelation 14:7

A. In Biblical worship, two ingredients must always be present:

1. A Sense of _____
 - Isaiah 6:1-5
 - Psalm 8:3-9
2. A Sense of _____
 - Acts 2:43;46-47
 - Psalm 100

B. Failure to understand these two sides of worship and their corresponding musical styles can be _____.

II. Genuine Worship _____ the _____

- A. The primary purpose of worship is to _____, but corporate worship should also _____ and _____ believers.
- Psalm 122:1
 - Hebrews 10:24-25

III. Four Legitimate _____ from Worship

The prophet Isaiah's experience in the divine throne room teaches us there are four things we should expect from an authentic worship experience. (Isaiah 6)

1. A _____ of God's _____

➤ Isaiah 6:1

2. A _____ of our _____

➤ Isaiah 6:5

➤ Romans 7

➤ 1 Timothy 1:15

3. A _____ of God's _____

➤ Isaiah 6:6-7

➤ 1 John 1:7

4. The _____ to _____

➤ Isaiah 6:8

IV. _____ is a By-Product of Authentic Worship

➤ Acts 2:47

➤ John 12:32

The bottom line is, people are hungry for spiritual things. Ultimately, even the world wants the church to be the church and to own up to who we really are. People want God. They want to feel God and they want to know God. There is no substitute for the presence of God. So, we lift this question again, does your worship honor God? Does it inspire, uplift, and transform the worshipper? Is it powerful enough to draw visitors closer to an encounter with Jesus Christ?