

# Wonder - Getting Worship Right

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## REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will come to worship when the church gathers even when I don't feel like it.
- I will work at taking every thought captive to obey Christ.
- I will worship God even when I'm hurt.
- I will worship God even when I'm disappointed.
- I will worship God even when I'm afraid.

## THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

Everyone has what might be called a worshipping mind or a non-worshipping mind. The worshipping mind is intensely open to joy and always looking for it, very aware of gifts and grateful for them, quite confident in God and humble in themselves. They're experiencing things as undeserved gifts on a regular basis and are generally happy.

The non-worshipping mind is just the opposite — entitled, self-preoccupied, easily irritated, easily discouraged, and often quite ungrateful about the past and anxious about the future. C.S. Lewis noted that people who are growing, people who are thriving, and people who are loving are the people who praise the most. People who are stagnant, cranky and self-centered praise the least.

Join us this week as we talk about necessary commitments to live with a worshipping mind.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you been judgmental toward other people's worship styles? Why do you think so many of us have strong opinions regarding worship styles?
  
2. Why do we need to praise and worship God?

3. What aspects of our inner selves are reflected when we praise God?
  
4. C.S. Lewis wrote, "Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible." Do you participate in praise as a way of responding to God's grace and goodness, or merely as a ritual or tradition? If it is the latter, where does the disconnectedness come from and what can you do to make it more personal?
  
5. How can we incorporate praise from Sunday worship service into our everyday life?
  
6. When we come to worship, what can we do to prepare beforehand?
  
7. Why do we need to worship God together as a community?
  
8. To worship God is to ascribe worth to God, and we want to do it with our minds and hearts. As an individual worshiper, what efforts do you make or would you like to make to participate in making God's praise glorious?

## **NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)**

- I commit to gather together with the church to worship.
- I will prepare and participate in making his praise glorious.
- I will worship God with my mind and heart, for he is worthy to receive all my worship.

- I will offer God worship as a way of life and not just an hour a week.
- I will taste and see that the Lord is good.
- I will choose joy.

## **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

- Psalm 105:1-3
- Hebrews 10:25
- 1 Corinthians 14
- Psalm 66:2
- Psalm 119:55
- Ecclesiastes 12:1
- Psalm 103:2
- Psalm 34:8
- Revelation 4:11
- Psalm 34:8
- Philippians 4:4
- Psalm 96:11
- John 15:11

## **Prayer Request(s)**

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