

Worship Unpacked - Giving God Our Worship Together

“When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions. It’s the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white hot enjoyment of God’s glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God... But worship is also the fuel of missions. Passion for God in worship precedes the offer of God in preaching. You can’t commend what you don’t cherish...”

- **John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions.***

In the book of Psalms, it’s a given that worship is a community experience. *Psalm 22:22; Matthew 6:9,10; 1 Peter 2:9,10; Matthew 18:19, 20*

1. Worshipping God together impacts God. When we worship God together, we minister to His heart. When we worship together, we bring God pleasure. *Psalm 149:1-4; Zephaniah 3:17*

When we worship God together, we enthrone Him on our praises: *Psalm 22:3*

2. Worshipping God together impacts each other. *Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 5:18; Psalm 145:3-4; Matthew 5:23,24; Romans 15:5,6*

3. Worshipping God together impacts ourselves. *Psalm 16:11; Psalm 42:4,5*

4. Worshipping God together impacts the enemy. *Ephesians 3:10; Isaiah 42:10-13; 2 Chronicles 20:1-30*

Next week’s reading guide: Give God My Personal Worship

Job 1:1-22

Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 63:3-5

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Psalm 70:4

James 1:1-18, Lamentations 2:19

Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 28:6-7

1 Peter 1:3-9, Psalm 20:4-5

Psalm 47:1-8

Discussion Questions:

1. Share about your feelings regarding corporate worship.
2. Share about a time when you really experienced connecting with God while worshipping together with others.
3. Is it hard or easy to believe that your worship brings God joy? Explain.
4. Is there anyone you need to make things right with before giving God your worship this week?
5. How does the idea that our worship is warfare against the enemy change the way you might approach times of worship in the future?