

Expressions of Worship
“Why do we worship?”
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<<< **Rewind**

Br Dick talked about how knowing Who we worship changes everything. God entices us to know Him through the love gifts He gives us as well as through Who He is. It's our focus that needs to be addressed. If we are thinking rightly about God, our relationship with Him and are revelation about Him will line up. Focusing on Who He is through knowing His attributes can help us respond correctly in an attitude of worship.

Possible Discussion Questions >

- Let's take some time and talk about some love-gifts we have received. Does anyone have a story of something specific to them personally?
- A.W. Tozer said, “What comes to our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” Let's list some things that come to peoples' minds when they think about God – both positive and negative.
- How do you think God feels about the list of negatives?
- What are some ideas for what we could do to change our focus if some things on the negatives list feel true to us?
- Now let's take a look at the list of positives that we made. Which ones correspond with the list of attributes Br Dick gave to us? Omniscient, Wise, Sovereign, Holy, Faithful, Omnipotent, Eternal, Self-Sufficient, Just, Immutable, Merciful, Loving, Good, Gracious, Omnipresent, Infinite
- If there was one attribute that you would like to learn more about which one would it be and why?
- What are some things people can do if they want to know God more or to know more about God?
- Think of something that is difficult in your life right now – what do you need to know God as in that situation? (i.e. Counselor, Guide, Friend, Savior etc.)

Fast Forward >>>

Which of the following could you do this week to help you know more about God and why we worship?

- Be on the look out for a clear night and spend at least five minutes looking up in silence pondering the “bigness” of our Creator.
- Read through the quotes in this week's booklet (included on second page) and pick one you really are inspired by ~ write it out and put it somewhere that will inspire you!
- Pick an inspiring verse from the booklet given this Sunday or just one that inspires you and memorize it.
- Be on the look out for God's character being revealed.
 - In songs listen for what character qualities God is revealing about Himself.
 - Whenever a difficult situation comes up think about what you need to know Him as.
 - When others are talking about difficulties in life, think about how their lives would be different if they knew Him, maybe even tell them so.

Want more resources?

The Knowledge of the Holy A.W. Tozer

This book is entirely filled with the attributes of God and their descriptions.

Quotes from the booklet:

“Whenever the method of worship becomes more important than the Person of worship, we have already corrupted our worship.” Judson Cornwall

“We trace back up the sunbeam to the sun!” C.S. Lewis

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
A.W. Tozer

“You will not come into a deeper realm of worship just because you decide to sing louder or get more passionate and more involved. The only thing that produces true worship is a greater revelation of God Himself. You must be brought, yourself, into the presence of the King, for only to the degree that you SEE and KNOW Him can you worship.” Sylvia Evans

“Worship is not an exercise. Worship is an expression of adoration toward the One Who is greater than you are. When you SEE that One great than you, then you worship; not until you SEE Him do your truly worship. You can know about Him but you don’t truly worship until you SEE Him. Real worship takes place only where He is revealed.” Sylvia Evans

“Our passions are the winds that propel our vessel. Our reason is the pilot that steers her. Without winds, the vessel would not move and without a pilot, she would be lost.” Old Proverb

“Our mind has no means with which to measure the Infinite.” Charles Spurgeon

“We ought to have again the old biblical concept of God which makes God awful and makes men lie face down and cry, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.’ That would do more for the church than everything or anything else.” A.W. Tozer

“Since man ceases not to be sinful, it is a real blessing that Jehovah ceases not to be merciful.”
Charles Spurgeon

“Worship ... rises or falls with our concept of God... and if there is one terrible disease in the Church of Christ, it is that we do not see God as great as He is. If our concept of God as ‘high and lifted up’ declines or weakens in any measure, the church with her worship and her moral standards declines along with it. The first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high opinion of God.” A/W. Tozer