

## WORSHIP BY DESIGN

1 Chronicles 16:1-35 ESV

There are times when worship becomes about something other than worship.

These four things will help you "get more" out of worship, because they'll help you stay focused on what worship really is, and, most importantly, they'll help you discover what "getting more" really means.

1. Worship Requires a Time of P\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_.

Good worship involves preparation and planning.

Before you worship you prepare your heart with an attitude of surrender. I encourage you make your Sunday morning before-worship routine all about preparing to worship.

Make your Sunday morning all about the fact that today you have an appointment to worship God in the presence of his people.

2. Worship Requires an Attitude of Praise and Thanksgiving.

King David said.. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! (Psalm 100:4)

The important thing is that you begin your time of worship — at home and at church — with a moment of thanksgiving and praise: Sincere, intentional, and from the heart.

3. Worship Requires Giving God Your U\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_

That's what worship is. It's seeing God for who he is: his glory, his majesty, his splendor.

If you come to church on Sunday, or sit down to have your morning devotion at home, and all you're thinking about is this problem or that problem, what your boss did, what your spouse said, and what a mess the world is in — if these things consume your thoughts, you will never enter in to the experience of worship.

4. Worship Requires That We Trust Him with the D\_\_\_\_\_ of our Lives.

Job one for you and me is to give him his rightful place in our lives, and give him the glory and the honor he deserves — first. And when we bring to him our cares and concerns, it's always in the context of a heart surrendered to him in praise and adoration.