

Wired For Worship
Worship Starts With Seeing God
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¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. ³ For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. **Psalms 95:1-7a (NIV)**

1. Worship starts with seeing God... then we respond

We don't initiate worship, God does!

Our Worship:

-He reveals we respond

²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

John 17:25-26 (NIV)

-He unveils; we respond

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. **John 1:18 (NIV)**

-He chooses to show us how amazing He is; We say God, you are amazing!

⁵ Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot-- come, let us rejoice in him. **Psalms 66:5-6 (NIV)**

Our Relationship:

-He loves. We love in return

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. **1 John 4:19 (NIV)**

-He calls. We answer.

¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. **Mark 2:14 (NIV)**

-He leads. We follow.

²⁴ Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. **Matthew 16:24 (MSG)**

2. Worship is a whole-life response to God's greatness and glory.

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **Mark 12:30 (NIV)**

Worship is our...

Our response, both personal and corporate, to- God for who He is! And what He has done! Expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live.

3. Worship is a participation sport!

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. ² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. ³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, ⁴ praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. **Psalms 150:1-6 (NIV)**

-Worship from the book of Psalms:

Shout, Sing, Dance, Clap your hands, Bow down, kneel, lift up your head, tell of His might, stand in awe, meditate on His truth, Walk in His ways, Still your heart, Cast down your idols, Run to Him, make a loud noise, lift your hands, clash the cymbals, praise him with trumpet sounds, seek His face, tell the nations.

Going Deeper on your Own:

1. Read through the book of Psalms and as you read watch for these things in the different Psalms:

1. What action words are included in the Psalms?
2. What prompted the writing of this worship song to God? What is it a response to?
3. Is there a posture that you could be in as you read the Psalms?

2. Spend sometime this week using the Psalms as a way for connecting with God through pray and praise. Make them personal to you as you read them to God. Substituted I or me with your name.

3. You could also spend some time in the book of Matthew this week, taking some time to seek out Jesus and to see the ways that he ministered and lived. As you read about Him, what will your response be?

Questions to talk about as a family:

1. How have you seen yourself be a consumer of worship vs. participating in it?
2. The message talked about how God initiates worships, not us. What difference does this make?
3. How have you seen God and how have you responded to him?
4. What are some ways that we make worship about ourselves instead of God?
5. How has your definition or idea of worship changed during this series?

Big Idea: We see God and then are able to respond in worship by our words and actions!