

Philosophy of Worship

Personal Definition

In today's society, we tend to think of worship as the music portion at the beginning of Sunday's service and maybe after the message. While worship climaxes when we gather together for corporate worship, it should be lived out in our everyday life.

Biblical Fundamentals

Worship starts with prayer. Prayer is the foundation of our faith. Communication with God is essential to the success of any endeavor so it is important that we pray and do so often.

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

- Psalm 127:1

Worship should be God-Centered. The purpose of worship is to praise, or hold in high-esteem, God. We worship God, because He created everything. We worship God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in spirit and in truth. This is the forefront of why we worship.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.

- John 4:24

Worship should be missional. Worship should be intentional and lived out daily in reaching those who do not know Jesus Christ. We should believe that authentically worshipping God is a way of life and does not stop once we step out the church doors. We should be looking to make disciples and baptizing them as we have been commanded.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- Matthew 28:18-20