

ACTION STEP

Attend a worship service this weekend and sing with us.

This weekend is special for two reasons. One, it's the last week in our series on The Lord's Prayer. Two, it's International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians (IDOP) - A weekend we intentionally gather to remember and pray for those who are part of the body of Christ, the church, but cannot gather with the church. These persecuted Christians stand as a bold witness to Christ on the world's most dangerous mission frontiers. The earnest prayers of the global body of believers testify to the unity found only in Christ.

PRAYER

Ask how you can pray for one another this week. Then, close in prayer, mentioning each request and person before the Lord.

Finish by reciting The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen."* — Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

LIFE AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE

Week 7: The Prayer of Victory
For Small Group Meetings, Oct 26 — Nov 1

VIDEO NOTES

**"For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever." — Matthew 6:13**

The king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: "Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!" — 2 Chronicles 20:21 NLT

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
— Psalm 29:2 NIV

Worship:

1. to honor or show reverence for something as a divine being or supernatural power
2. to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor or devotion to a celebrity

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.
— Acts 2:42-47 NLT

1. Worship opens my ears to _____
the word of God (*Grow in Christ*)

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching... — Acts 2:42

"Whoever has ears, let them hear." — Mat. 11:15 NIV

2. Worship opens my heart to _____
the people of God (*Belong to Christ's family*)

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. Acts 2:42

3. Worship reminds me of how _____
God is (*Worship Christ*)

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. Acts 2:43

Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker... Psalm 95:6 NLT

4. Worship inspires me to a _____
of living (*Serve Christ by serving others*)

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⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity... — Acts 2:44-46

"Each Day"

Then (Jesus) said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." — Luke 9:23 NLT

5. Worship motivates me to celebrate the _____
of the church (*Share Christ's message*)

All the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. — Acts 2:47 NLT

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— Matthew 6:13

SCRIPTURE READING — Read Psalm 29

KEY QUESTION

Of the 5 things worship does, which stood out to you? Why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This lesson reminds us that worship is far more than singing. *Worship is a lifestyle of enjoying God, loving him, and giving ourselves to be used for his purposes.* When you use your life for God's glory, everything you do can become an act of worship. However, don't miss the reality that gathering to sing to one another and to God is an indispensable act of worship. The Bible instructs us to...

"Sing to God... Give thanks... Praise God... Rejoice... Make music... Make melody in your hearts... Sing to one another... Shout aloud... Shout together... Sing a psalm... Sing a hymn... A spiritual song... Make music with a harp... Make music with a lyre... Make music with a trumpet... Clash Cymbals... Etc..."

Why does singing together in worship matter?

2. What is one way in which you can each be more like the early church. What's one personal step you could to move in that direction?
3. When was the last time you had a deep sense of awe for God and his work in you, or others around you?