

DAVID'S MEN

SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD



Worship

This month we focus on Worship. Is it possible to talk about worship in evangelical circles without talking about music? Probably not, since the first thing that comes to our minds when we hear the words “worship” or “worship service” is usually music—which also conjures up all sorts of mixed opinions, emotions, and preferences.

Evangelical churches are often tempted to change their worship services in order to gain interest from outsiders and to keep up with the culture. And so they adopt certain pragmatic measures, mostly with respect to music and atmosphere, but also with sermons and buildings.

Kauflin rightly emphasizes that true worship is more about receiving *from* God than giving *to* God. It is this emphasis on understanding worship via the truth of the Bible that shines in *True Worshipers*. Worship is indeed a gift from God, and thus our first responsibility isn’t to give but receive (31–32). Pragmatism is ultimately misleading, then, since it places the emphasis solely on the individual—my wants, my aims, my worship—rather than on the vertical and horizontal dimensions of worship revealed in Scripture.

True worshipers see worship as a response to God’s gift of himself, chiefly through his Word—an idea that reverberates throughout the book. Indeed, true worship is always a response to God’s Word (40). Or as Kauflin puts it, “We need God to worship God” (68). Therefore, thinking about worship biblically rather than individually is vital. Personal preference must never be allowed to dictate the goal and outcome of worship. To the contrary, the goal of worship is God’s glory and our good.

“There are no normal Sundays, just fresh opportunities to behold the glory of the Lord” (83).

The assignment this month includes ideas from the book and will probably look a little different for each individual in the group. Find creative ways and look to the examples in the book to prayerfully consider how your perspective on worship should change.

Current Month Assignments

- Read the following book on sabbath
 - [True Worshipers: Seeking What Matters to God - Bob Kauflin](#)
- Prepare a book summary (approximately one page) with the following info:
 - List the big ideas.
 - List your key takeaways.
 - Discuss how you will apply to your life now.
 - Email this summary to each DM in your group prior to this month's meeting.
- Memorize the verses attached. Be prepared to quote each verse and reference. *Review your verses from previous months to ensure they become deeply rooted!*
- Man-date: When you meet, *discuss your progress and struggles of practicing daily worship in your life*, along with your memory verses.

Resources:

- Because Reaching Up in Worship is one of Biltmore Church's highest values, here is a link to Pastor Bruce's most recent sermon on Worship.
 - <https://www.biltmorechurch.com/sermon/we-worship-god-passionately/>

Memory Verses

Sing Songs

Psalm 95 – *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

² *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

³ *For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

Psalm 96:1-3 - *Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

Daily Worship

John 4:23-24 – ²³ *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.* ²⁴ *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*