

Worship Ministry Vision 2019 - 2020

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Worship is a word so loosely thrown around and spoken about in the Christian life, and often we misunderstand this concept. It may seem like worship is simply about playing instruments and singing songs to God, but it is far more than that. It involves a deeply intimate connection with God, something that we hope to explore in Worship Min this year. We hope that through Worship Min, we may explore ways to worship God that are not limited to music. This year, we will strive to encourage vulnerability and acceptance within the ministry and explore what it means to humble ourselves before God, reflecting on who He is and what He has done for us, and spur each other on to strengthen our relationships and live worshipful lives.

The Heart of Worship

We all come from different walks of life and have our own unique story, but we are all called to worship the same God. The reason we can do this is because of the heart behind our worship. While we can all worship in different ways, such as through singing praises or serving at church, the quality that these actions all have in common is the heart behind them. When we are transformed by God's love and the presence of His Holy Spirit, our heart will be solely fixed on bringing God glory. This desire to glorify Him unites us, aside all the differences we may have, as a body of Christ with the goal of pure worship.

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

- John 3:30

Our Posture in Worship

How do we fully comprehend what God has done for us so that we may respond with our worship? To understand the beauty of the Gospel, we must adopt a posture of humility. Through recognizing our sin and our brokenness, we can begin to grasp the weight of what God has done for us and how undeserving we are of His love. We must break down our past pride, shame, and guilt and continuously lay down our pride, allowing God to work through us to help us grow. We not only begin to understand that God is our loving Father, but that He also commands our utmost respect and reverence. Through Worship Min, we will also explore this relationship between humility and fear of the Lord, along with different topics like prayer, surrender, and obedience as they all pertain to worship.

"Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

- Colossians 3:12

A Community of Worship

Although worship begins on an individual level with our own personal relationship with God, worship is also meant for community. There is a reason why we sing praises in church as a body of Christ: we are meant to worship God communally. The beauty of Worship Min is that we get to journey together in worship. Our hope is that throughout the year, by pursuing God in humility, we will see our shared brokenness and mutual need for God's grace. This will push us to be vulnerable with each other, sharing in our struggles and our joys, and encouraging and challenging each other to fix our eyes on God and be reminded of His goodness in our lives. We all want to see each other pursue God in worship and our hope is that we will foster a community of vulnerability, acceptance, and accountability to do so.

We hope to build:

- A community that is open and accepting to its members, whether they be returning members or new friends
- An understanding of humility and fear of the Lord, and an effort to incorporate it into our daily lives
- Humbleness amongst the community members, being able to build each other up as well as keeping one another accountable for our actions