



Worship Ministry

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Worship ministry this year will focus on re-examining the basics of Christianity and the roots of our faith. These basics being that though we lead imperfect lives, we share in the suffering and humiliation of Christ when He died for us. Through His resurrection we also share in His conquest of death, which gives us the chance to start anew again. Accepting this chance that's been given to us involves baptism, belief, and Holy Communion with the Lord. Through a deeper understanding of these basic principles, we hope to further explore the true intentions of how and why we worship our God. Going back to these basics can help put our hearts in the right place to worship. Re-focusing on the basics of our faith can also guide our daily actions and help us see how everything we do can be an act of worship to God.

The Heart

True worship happens when we put our mind's attention and heart's affection on God, praising Him for who He is and what He has done. Personally, a major part of me growing spiritually is to learn to worship with my heart, not just my mouth. Sometimes at church I find myself singing for the sake of singing. But as I mature in my faith, I slowly learn to understand the words that I sing allow me to speak to God wholeheartedly. Preparing your heart puts you into the right mindset to worship God despite it sometimes being an overlooked or neglected part of worship. Without the heart of worship, the worship is dead.

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." - Proverbs 4:23

When you truly worship with your heart, everything that comes from your heart becomes an act of worship, whether it be songs or kind words or good deeds or listening ears. As it says in Psalm 108:1 "My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with my soul". When we can find a joy that only comes from the Father through Jesus Christ, and by the Holy Spirit, this joy in our heart becomes the foundation of worship.



Action

Worship is not limited to only songs of praise. The definition of worship is an act that is pleasing and glorifying to the Lord. An act of kindness can be regarded as worship. Prayer, meditating on the word, and evangelism can all be acts of worship. Worship is not limited to only what happens on the stage of a church hall. How we worship musically and the words we sing should reflect our everyday actions.

“Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.”

- James 3:10

I often struggle in consistently living a God-pleasing life. Taking the time to meditate on the meaning behind why we do things in daily life is one of the keys in growing and living out the Christian faith and worshipping God in all that we do. By harnessing the joy we have in God and bringing this problem into the light of a community, we can help bring each other up into becoming active Christians - Christians with worship deeply ingrained into our lifestyles.

Through worship ministry, our vision of heart and action can be accomplished. By building a community that is accountable, vulnerable, and compelled by the love of Christ, it promotes Christian growth among individuals and as a collective. Ecclesiastes 4:9 says “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor”. As a strong team and loving family, we learn to provide guidance and comfort to one another, seek to explore the gospel deeply, and finally nurture into stewards and stewardess of Christ who ready to face the world.