**Worshipping God With All Of Our Hearts**

*“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. 7 For He is our God,*

*And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Psalm 95:6-7*

**God desires that our worship of Him be characterized by eagerness and joy.**

* David— “I was glad when they said…let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1
* The Psalmist— “Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.” Psalm 95:1-7
* The Sons of Korah had a great desire to worship. Psalm 42:1-2, Psalm 84:1-2
* Early Christians— “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42

**What is Worship?**

* Worship means: *To crouch, to kiss the hand, to prostrate oneself, to adore, to revere God.*
* It’s not about me! Our primary purpose in worship is to praise, thank and glorify God!
* Does God need our worship?
* Worship should be “Heart Focused.”
* Some important questions:
  + What does worship mean to me?
  + Why am I not getting anything out of worship?
  + Is the object of my worship the wrong object?
  + What am I focusing on?
* Is worship of God only a public thing we do, or is my entire life built around worship?

**Why is worship so important?**

* Worship identifies who we are. We are God’s people! We are Christians.
* The importance Jesus attached to worship. Ma 4:23, Mark 12:35, Luke 4:16, John 18:20
* Why does God ask us to assemble for worship? Heb 10:24-25, Romans 12:15, 1 Thes 3:12
* Early disciples recognized the importance of assembling together. Acts 20:7-12, Rom 1:11-12
* “Where two or three are gathered together… I am there in the midst of them.” Ma 18:20
* Why is the day prior to the Lord’s Day so important?

**Worshipful hearts are characterized by humility and sincerity.**

* “Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. 2 Chron 20:18
* Worshipping in the midst of tragedy. Job 1:21
* When does worship mean nothing to God? Isaiah 1:10-15, Malachi Chapter One
* Everything done for God should be the very best I can offer! Col 3:23-24
* "And he (Barnabas) encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord." Acts 11:23-24

**Worshipping God with reverence, respect and joy!**

* “God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints…” Psalm 89:7
* The God we worship is the true and living God. Jeremiah 10:10
* “…O King of the saints! Who shall not fear you and glorify your name?” Rev 15:2-4
* David— “One thing I have desired of the Lord.” Psalm 26:6-12, Psalm 27:4-6