

## **Worship Basics**

Series: Following Jesus: Worship

Psalm 95:6-7 NLT (0836)

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Psalm 95:6-7 NLT <sup>6</sup>*Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, <sup>7</sup>for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the sheep under his care. Oh, that you would listen to his voice today!*

### **I. What is worship?**

#### **a. A simple definition**

*WORSHIP* Human response to the perceived presence of the divine, a presence which transcends normal human activity and is holy. (Holman Bible Dictionary)

#### **b. Broadening our understanding**

#### **c. Worship throughout history and beyond**

Genesis 28:16 <sup>16</sup>*When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”*

Revelation 4:6-11 NLT *In the center and around the throne were four living beings... Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.” <sup>9</sup>Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne, the one who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one who lives forever and ever. And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, <sup>11</sup>“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created.”*

### **II. The choices always before us in worship**

#### **a. To perceive or not to perceive**

Jeremiah 29:13-14 <sup>13</sup>*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup>I will be found by you,” declares the LORD*

#### **b. To be or not to be**

John 4:23-24 TM *“It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.”*

#### **c. To love or not to love**

#### **d. To change or not to change**

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