



Student Syllabus for

LIVE WORSHIP SEMINAR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

We have often heard that worship is a lifestyle, but how do we really live it out? In this course we will see how our intimate worship times with God will influence us to be more like God. When we spend time with Him we will receive His heart for community, the lost and the marginalized. Allow the Holy Spirit to make our lives a love song to God and to others.

OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

Introduction

Part One: Intimate Worship - Time Alone with God

Part Two: Corporate Worship - Time with Community

Part Three: Servant Worship - Time with Nonbelievers and the Marginalized

Group Discussion Questions

PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE

This course is designed to equip the believers to live a life of worship. To help their hearts balance the presence of God and the practice of His calling.

OBJECTIVES

To develop a balanced life-style of worship through:

1. Intimate Worship
 2. Corporate Worship
 3. Servant Worship (missional, evangelistic and caring for the marginalized)
 4. Character Development
 5. Scripture Study
 6. The power of the Holy Spirit
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EDUCATIONAL METHODS

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| • Class lecture | • Sharing experiences |
| • Music | • Ministry Time |
| • Questions and answers | • Graphics |
| • Group projects | • Resource Books |

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attend the whole seminar, take notes, be attentive, and participate in class discussion.
 2. Pick two of the six topics below. Write a three-page essay on each of the two you choose (use Biblical references).
 - a. Is it Biblical to use worship music as an evangelistic tool? How about using secular music for outreaches?
 - b. Write on how you were impacted by “servant” evangelism project. Do a mini project in which you show people God’s love no strings attached. Write what you did and how it impacted people and your life.
 - c. Write on the tension in corporate worship between having an intimate free flowing worship time versus taking a seeker sensitive approach and toning things down to allow seekers to enter into the community.
 - d. Attend a worship service at a church of a different ethnicity or worship style. Document what you felt the Lord doing; impressions from the Holy Spirit. What was the difference in worship style compared to what you are used to?
 - e. Spend a day in solitude contemplating on how you can better incorporate the different facets of worship. What did the Holy Spirit show you?
 - f. Write a Scripture study of one of the forms of worship God (for example, dancing, clapping, kneeling, lifting hands, playing instruments, etc.).
 3. Turn in the paper to the university office by January 31, 2006.
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EVALUATION AND GRADING

Here is how much each graded part of the course will figure into your final grade:

• Attendance	10%
• Class participation	15%
• Written paper	<u>+ 75%</u>
TOTAL	100%

NOTE: in cases where a student’s grade is marginal between two possibilities, attendance will be taken into account in determining his or her final grade.

GRADING SCALES

UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SCALE

% to Letter	Letter to %
98-100% = A+	A+ = 100%
93-97% = A	A = 95%
90-92% = A-	A- = 91%
87-89% = B+	B+ = 88%
83-86% = B	B = 85%
80-82% = B-	B- = 81%
77-79% = C+	C+ = 78%
73-76% = C	C = 75%
70-72% = C-	C- = 71%
67-69% = D+	D+ = 68%
63-66% = D	D = 65%
60-62% = D-	D- = 61%
00-59% = F	F = *30%
*F = 00% if work is not turned in	

GRADUATE GRADING SCALE

% to Letter	Letter to %
100% = A+	A+ = 100%
96-99% = A	A = 98%
95% = A-	A- = 95%
94% = B+	B+ = 94%
91-93% = B	B = 92%
90% = B-	B- = 90%
89% = C+	C+ = 89%
86-88% = C	C = 87%
85% = C-	C- = 85%
84% = D+	D+ = 84%
81-83% = D	D = 82%
80% = D-	D- = 80%
00-79% = F	F = *30%
*F = 00% if work is not turned in	

Grades are issued on the following basis: A = excellent, B = good, C = average, D = poor, F = failing, Inc = incomplete, W = withdrew, Aud = audit student who did not earn a grade.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

To receive university credit, attendance at the whole seminar is required.

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A PERSONAL NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHER

Worship is our highest priority. We were created to worship God with all of our life. My desire is that as we worship God we become more like Him and in turn love others as ourselves. I pray that we may be able to receive and reflect God's love.

In Christ,

Pastor Jimmy Reyes



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INTRODUCTION

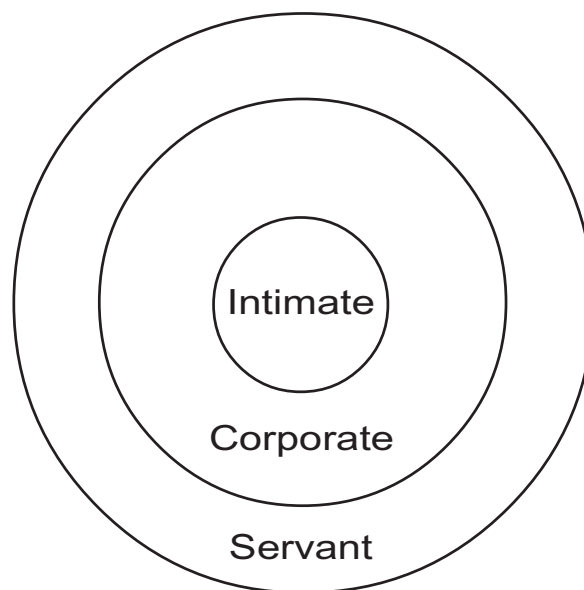
I've attended and taught many worship seminars over the years. I've seen how popular the subject is. Usually worship seminars are very well attended compared to seminars on prayer or evangelism. What makes worship so popular? Nowadays worship recordings make so much money each year, that the big music labels are investing money into it to get a piece of the pie.

We usually go to seminars wanting a revelation on how to sing better, how to play an instrument better, how to connect with God in a better way. I feel that a lot of times worship is presented as how we can feel better in it, when worship has so little to do with our feeling and so much more with what is pleasing to God. We love to experience worship in services with other believers and we base so much on what we experienced, instead of offering our lives to God. We start worshipping the worship songs, choosing which songs touch our lives, instead of knowing that songs are just a catalyst for God's presence in our midst.

We hear worship is a lifestyle. Okay, but how do we apply this concept? Today we will see how we can apply worship as a lifestyle. There are three facets of worship which are connected together: Intimate, Corporate, and Servant worship. In other words, they need to be done continuously. They also affect each other.

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Lifestyle Worship





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INTIMATE WORSHIP

TIME ALONE WITH GOD

Intimate worship is the facet that we typically don't have time for. This is time set apart to be with God. We are so busy "doing the stuff" that we forget to spend time with the Person who should be our focus. We can usually feel His transforming presence when we are alone with Him. For example, times of loneliness or sickness are rich times to experience His sweet presence. This facet is at the core of what worship is.

- Psalm 119:10-11

I seek You with all my heart;
Do not let me stray from Your commands.
I have hidden Your word in my heart
That I might not sin against You.

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I. WHAT IS WORSHIP?

When we worship God we recognize and declare His worth. Worship means to adore, admire, esteem, exalt, love, magnify, regard, respect, and reverence.

The Greek word for worship is *proskuneo* which is a compound word. *Pros* means towards and *kuneo* means to kiss. *Proskuneo* is the word used most frequently in regards to worship in the New Testament. It means: to get close to kiss; it's emphasis is on the act of prostrating in reverence. Who are we going to kneel down to? Who are we going to serve? The truth is that we will end up becoming what we worship! (Psalm 115:8)

Worship is an act of love and intimacy with God. When we worship we are spending time with God since He inhabits the praises of His people. When we love



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somebody we want to be with that person. This principle works in our relationship with God. If we love Him we will spend time to get to know Him and to express our love to Him.

We need to live what we say with our words. Worship is not only to be spoken or sung but is also to be lived. We need to be people of integrity; in other words, our actions need to match our words. A worshiper is a person who does everything unto the Lord. A person who wants to bring glory to God. A person who desires to bring pleasure to God with their thoughts, attitudes, words and actions.

II. GOD IS SEEKING TRUE WORSHIPERS

The Bible says that God is looking for true worshipers who will worship in spirit and in truth. God desires intimacy with people who have chosen to love and worship Him voluntarily.

- John 4:21-24

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

A. In Spirit:

1. Worship under the influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit shows us how to worship the Father. We need Him to teach us.
2. Worship in the spirit of the worshiper. It is not just a physical or mental worship, but a spiritual worship which comes from the innermost part of our being. Worship in spirit implies our body, heart and mind.



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• Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

3. Worship in Spirit is worshiping with a humble spirit

• Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

B. In Truth:

1. Worship that is true to our spiritual (interior) condition. The Pharisees violated this principle.

• Mark 7:6-7

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"

Worship is not just from the exterior (moving our lips, clapping, lifting hands, etc.). Our heart needs to be involved. When what we do in our worship is not flowing from our hearts, it is not true worship.

Internal vs. External Life:

• 1 Samuel 16:17

"But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

a. External Life:



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b. Internal Life:

2. Worship focused on the person of Jesus, who is the Truth.

• John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

3. Worship based on the Word of God, in which God revealed His character.

4. Worship demonstrated by living a life of obedience

• 1 Samuel 15:22

But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."

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III. INTIMATE WORSHIP IS TRANSFORMING

A. God has always desired to be close to us. In the beginning, God created man and he would walk with Him.

• Gen. 3:8

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Abraham was called a friend of God . . . because God found in Abraham a righteous man (James 2:23). Sin moves us away from God, but when we confess our sins and turn away from them, we are able to draw near to God.



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B. Intimate worship produces a passionate love for God.

• Luke 10:26-28

“What is written in the Law?” He replied. “How do you read it?” He answered: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

Christianity is not just rules; it liberates us to love God with all our heart. When we receive Him in our heart, the “romance” begins. Unfortunately, with time the fires of romance dwindle into ashes. Church becomes boring; we do not feel the same enthusiasm of spending time with God; we do not “feel” anything in worship, etc. The problem is not in God but in us.

• Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the well-spring of life.

C. It is about God and not about us. We need to let our worship be God focused and not self-focused. Worship is about God being worthy and not about receiving something. Receiving is only a by product but not the goal of our worship.

D. We need to set time to worship the Lord through:

1. Worship times alone
2. Prayer times
3. Bible reading times
4. Solitude and silence

E. Worship allows us to be in awe of God.

Utterly amazed at His greatness, we should never lose our sense of wonder.

• Ecclesiastes 5:7

Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore stand in awe of God.

John Piper preaches, “God meets us in high and holy ways. He meets us in lowly and meek ways. He



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meets us in thunderously glorious ways; He meets us in quiet, intimate ways. He meets us in complex ways and simple ways, furious ways and merciful ways.

A. W. Tozer said, "Worship is to feel in your heart and express in some appropriate manner a humbling but delightful sense of admiring awe and astonished wonder and overpowering love in the presence of that most ancient Mystery, that Majesty which philosophers call the First Cause, but which we call Our Father Which Art in Heaven."

I believe that to have a sense of wonder is to truly become like children who do not lose their sense of amazement and awe.

- Matthew 18:3

And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

- Matthew 11:25-26

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

F. Intimate worship will produce in us a thankful heart (Luke 7:36-50).

The Bible says that he whose many sins are forgiven loves much. In that Scripture we see a woman who gave God what she had. The perfume was worth one year of salary. She came and washed Jesus feet with it. She was very grateful. We also need to be grateful to God for who He is and what He has done. Unfortunately, many times we forget to give thanks. In those times we need to read the Bible and bless God. We need to be grateful for what we have, especially for His salvation which He gave to us without our deserving it.



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- Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

G. Will produce healing in our hearts.

The enemy wants to destroy us and he sends his darts into our heart to hurt us and not allow us to love God. These darts are the pains that we go through in life: physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Strained relationship with our parents. God wants to restore us completely.

- Rom. 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

H. When we enter into worship it is like “coming home.”

We are actually entering into our eternal home. Here we can feel the love of the Father.

- Psalm 27:10

Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

He wants us to receive his fatherly love (Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:6-7; Luke 11:11-13).

I. When we spend time with God, we will become more like Him.

Intimacy produces fruit (offspring). When we spend time with God we will learn to love what He loves and hurt for what He hurts. He wants to produce in us the fruit of the Spirit, “HIS CHARACTER.”

- Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



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CORPORATE WORSHIP TIME WITH COMMUNITY

Corporate worship is the facet that we probably practice the most, or are most familiar with. It involves worshipping God with a group of people: home group, church service, celebrations, etc. We usually see God's manifest power in this facet. The problem is falling in love with the experience or blessings rather than the Giver of it all.

• Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.
For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
In His hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to Him.
The sea is his, for He made it,
and His hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship,
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
For He is our God
and we are the people of His pasture,
the flock under His care.
Today, if you hear His voice

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I. WORSHIPPING IN COMMUNITY

- A. Vertical connections: It is beautiful to offer our worship to God as a corporate body. It is amazing when we get together and sing to God as "one voice."
- B. Horizontal connections: As we sing we sing to God we are also connecting with each other. We are exhort-



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ing and loving each other. We are proclaiming that Jesus is the center of our community. Without worship, a church service is just a social gathering.

C. Results of worshiping in community:

- Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1. Loving each other
2. Preserving the unity
3. Forgiving each other
4. Confessing sins to each other
5. Serving each other

II. EXPERIENCING GOD'S POWER IN WORSHIP

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- Matthew 6:10

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

A. God inhabits the praise of his people:

- Psalm 22:3 (KJV)

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

The Bible says that God inhabits (lives, occupies a place in) the praise of his people. When we worship God this produces a place where our God can descend and live with us.

“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”
Let's see what happens in heaven:

- Revelation 5:8-14

And when He had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the



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Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because You were slain,
and with Your blood you purchased men for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom
and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and
strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

• Revelation 14:2-3

And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.



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The will of God in heaven is the worship and praise of the Father and the Son before the throne. When we worship we are joining the worship that is already going on in the heavens. The sounds of many waters that is heard in heaven is the sound of the saints uniting in worship to God.

• John 7:37-38

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Jesus is the mediator—the Veil was ripped. Jesus is the bridge from heaven to earth. When Jesus was on the cross He exclaimed: "It is done," and God ripped the Veil from the top down (Mark 15:37-38). Now we can come freely before the presence of God.

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B. The Kingdom of God:

1. The kingdom of God was established on earth through Jesus Christ. Therefore the blessings of the kingdom need to be in each of us. John 17:20-23 says that the glory that the Father gave to Jesus, He (Jesus) gave to us. The Bible also says that we would do greater things, and that signs and wonders would follow us. Notice that the Bible says that the signs would follow us and not that we would follow the signs.

2. There is a cycle of blessing in worship. We bless Him and He blesses us.

• Psalm 134:2-3

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. May the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

3. He fills us with His love, joy, peace, anointing, presence, etc.



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C. Blessings that manifest during worship:

1. Physical healing and healing of the soul

• 2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2. Inner transformation

• 2 Corinthians 3:17-19

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

3. Deliverance of the oppressed

• 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the harp. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes upon you, and you will feel better." So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me." One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him." Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul. David came to Saul and



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entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him." Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

4. Salvation

- Zechariah 2:10-11

"Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become My people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent Me to you.

5. God speaks (prophecy)

- 2 Kings 3:15-16a

"But now bring me a harpist." While the harpist was playing, the hand of the LORD came upon Elisha and he said, "This is what the LORD says . . ."

D. Examples of the glory of God from heaven coming to earth:

1. 2 Chronicles 5:12-14. Dedication of Solomon's Temple and the cloud of God comes down.
2. Acts 16:19-33. Paul and Silas in the jail are set free through their praise.
3. 2 Chronicles 20:1-24. God gives the victory to King Jehoshaphat over three enemies through the praise of the people.

III. BIBLICAL WAYS OF WORSHIPING THE LORD

- Psalm 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.



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A. The Voice:

1. Speak His praises:

- Psalms 40:16

But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!"

- Jer. 33:11

The sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the LORD, saying, "Give thanks to the LORD Almighty, for the LORD is good; His love endures forever." 'For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were before,' says the LORD.

We can speak and declare His greatness. This involves giving our testimony (evangelism), being thankful to God and sharing it with others.

2. Sing His praises:

- Psalm 47:6

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

The most grandiose instrument of all is the human voice. It is interesting to know that the Psalms were poems sung by people and accompanied by music.

3. Shout His praises:

- Psalms 47:1b; 5

"Shout to God with cries of joy. God has ascended amid shouts of joy"

(See also: Psalm 32:11; 132:9,16)

Why shout? Is God deaf? To shout with great joy comes from the Hebrew *teru'ah*, which means to shout with joy, a strong sound, a strong sound of trumpets, a shout of victory. Shouting is the expression of the highest feelings of exuberance



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and often accompanies victory in warfare. Shouting is a response of the soul and spirit of the worshiper leaping in response to God's presence.

B. The Hands:

1. Clap your hands:

- Psalm 47:1a

Clap your hands, all you nations;

Clapping expresses joy and is universally accepted as showing appreciation and approval. Of all the forms of worship, clapping is mentioned least.

2. Lift your hands:

- Psalm 134:2

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.

- Psalm 63:4

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

To lift the hands is a universal sign of surrender. We are letting go of ourselves—reaching someone greater than us. When we lift our hands we demonstrate to God that we are giving Him control of our lives.

3. Praise Him with instruments:

- 2 Chronicles 5:13-14

The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang:

“He is good; His love endures forever.”

Then the temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.



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- Psalm 33:2-3

Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

- Revelation 14:2

And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.

As early as the seventh generation of Adam, the Bible takes about the use of instruments by men. There was a man named Jubal who was the “father of the harpist and flautists.” (Gen. 4:21) The Hebrew word “*zamar*” which is the root word for the Hebrew word for “psalm” means “to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument.”

C. The Posture:

1. Worship standing:

- Psalm 134:1 (KJV)

Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

- Psalm 135:1,2 (KJV)

“Praise ye the Lord . . . ye that stand in the house of the LORD.”

There were no seats in the tabernacle of Moses, or David’s, or the temple of Solomon. The priests would minister attentively on their feet, ready to serve the Lord. The congregation also stood at attention: “The priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.” (2 Chronicles 7:6, KJV)

2. Worship in dance:

- Psalm 149:3

Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with tambourine and harp.



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- Psalm 150:4

“Praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute,”

Dancing is one of the most prolific forms of worship and rejoicing in all of Scripture. The Hebrew language encompasses a full range of dancing in worship, including leaping and skipping for joy, dance companies moving in circles and lines, and twisting and twirling with all one’s might. The word for dance in the previous verses comes from the Hebrew word *gul*, which means to spin around with excessive force. The King James version often translates dance with the words: joy, rejoice or exceeding joy.

We need to be free to express our thanksgiving and praise to God in dance.

3. Worship Bowing/Kneeling:

- Psalm 95:6

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

To kneel down and prostrate are signs of submission and respect to the King. We are saying that we submit to His authority.

- 2 Chronicles 7:3

When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, “He is good; his love endures forever.”

IV. FLOWING IN SPONTANEOUS AND PROPHETIC WORSHIP

- 1 Corinthians 14:15

So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.



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There is something awesome about getting together to sing songs to God. In my opinion, there is something more profound and that is singing spontaneous new songs to God. It is like a husband reading a poem written by a famous poet to his wife. This is romantic, but how much more impacting is when the husband writes the poem himself, from his heart? We need to allow the words to flow from our heart to his presence.

• John 7:38

Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.

A. Introductory Concepts:

1. Spontaneous worship: Is defined as the song of the bride, the church.

• Ephesians 5:18-19

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

- a. Psalms: Biblical passages written as songs accompanied by music.
- b. Hymns: Words inspired by song writers that are sung.
- c. Spiritual songs: A lyrical expression inspired by the Holy Spirit in our own language or in "tongues."

2. Prophetic worship: Is defined as the song of the groom, Christ.

• Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is with you,
He is mighty to save.
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing."

The prophetic is when God uses a person to express His love and truth to the church.



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• 1 Cor. 14:3

But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

B. Spontaneous and prophetic worship in the Word of God:

1. 1 Samuel 10:5-6,10

“After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, tambourines, flutes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying. The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. . . .

When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying.

2. Ezekiel 33:31-33

My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to listen to your words, but they do not put them into practice. With their mouths they express devotion, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain. Indeed, to them you are nothing more than one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays an instrument well, for they hear your words but do not put them into practice. When all this comes true—and it surely will—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.

3. 1 Chronicles 25:1,3

David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals. Here is



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the list of the men who performed this service: As for Jeduthun, from his sons: Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei, Hashabiah and Mattithiah, six in all, under the supervision of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied, using the harp in thanking and praising the LORD.

- C. How to flow in spontaneous and prophetic worship:
1. Develop the habit of having time alone with God.
 2. Establish the spontaneous in a pre-spontaneous way.
 3. Recognize what the Holy Spirit is doing
 - Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

4. Do not control or manipulate; let Him direct you.
5. Let go of fear; let God use you.



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SERVANT WORSHIP TIME WITH NONBELIEVERS AND THE MARGINALIZED

Servant worship is probably the hardest facet to do. We usually start with intimate worship and end at corporate worship. We forget that there is a missional duty for us as Christians. When we spend time with God in intimate worship and know His heart and get the power through our corporate worship, it empowers us to “do the stuff.” We need to get out of the “safe” four walls and be the church outside of them.

- Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In this section we will see another side of worship. Worship in our service. Another Greek word for worship is *latreuo* (Luke 2:37; Acts 26:7; Phil. 3:3; Heb 12:28). It means “to serve” and “to worship.” It means to serve God. Worship, then, is the service of God expressed in religious gatherings and in every other area of our lives.

I. OUR MISSION IS BIRTHED IN THE HEART OF GOD

- John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.



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- A. God's love is extravagant: "God so loved." He has love, mercy and compassion for us.
1. We need to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
 2. When we spend time with God He will reveal to us His heart for everyone. We will come to the conclusion that our worship is affected by the way we love others.
- B. God's love is expressive: "He gave His one and only Son." He sacrificed His Son for us.
1. We need to expressive our love to others, not just with words but also with our actions. "You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving."
 2. Part of our worship is giving sacrificially of our time, talents and tithes (money) to God, the church, and others. God's nature is to give. The Bible says that "it is better to give than to receive." Jesus is the ultimate expression of sacrifice. He came from heaven to earth to save us. He came to serve and not be served. He sacrificed His life for us all.
- C. God's love does not discriminate: "Whoever believes in Him." He came to save the least worthy sinner. We should feel God's heart for the lost and marginalized.
- Romans 5:8
- But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
1. Loving sinners: Praying for and developing relationship with people who do not know Christ yet.
 2. Loving our enemies: Forgive those who persecute and come against us.
 3. Loving people who are different culturally: The kingdom of God is composed of ethnic diversity. It is rich in worship and musical expression. Worshiping in such diversity is truly a picture of what is to come in heaven.



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4. Loving the marginalized: We need to care for the “forgotten people” of this age.

II. WORSHIP EVANGELISM

A. What is evangelism:

The English word evangelism is a combination of *eu*, the New Testament Greek word for “good” and *aggelos*, the biblical word that is most often translated “angel” or “messenger.” The literal meaning of evangelism is being a “good angel.”

True evangelism is not merely proclaiming a message of good news; it is becoming a living representative of God’s heart toward people (a true worshiper). We are the messengers God is sending into the lives of our friends and family members, our neighbors and our coworkers.

B. Letting your light shine:

In Romans 1:14-16, Paul declares that he is indebted to God to give the world the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Having heard the greatest message in the world, he was compelled to share it with whomever he could. So great was this sense of obligation that Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:16, “Yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel!”

Peter said, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful Light. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.” (1 Pet. 2:9,12)

When we help someone to come before the Lord it even causes a celebration in heaven. “I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:7; 10; 23; 32)



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Henry Blackaby said, “God reveals His will and invites you to join Him where He is already at work. When you obey, God accomplishes through you something only He can do. Then you can know God in a more intimate way by experiencing God at work through you.” What this says is that God has not called us to create but to discover. God is already at work. We need to align with it and join in.

1. Making time for the lost “missing people.”

We cannot burn bridges with friends and families who do not know Christ. Part of the danger of not spending time with people who are non-Christian is that they will not see how different we truly are. Jesus ate and spent time with people that the religious community had condemned. Jesus was labeled a “friend of sinners” by the religious leaders.

• Matthew 9:13

But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

2. Loving unconditionally.

• Colossians 4:5

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

When we enter someone else’s world we are faced with many challenging choices. Their needs, habits, beliefs, and values will push us beyond our comfort zone. Our love is not a gimmick, it is an act of worship. Our love is unconditional and will not stop if they do not respond as we like, or come to church.

3. Serving others.

• Luke 6:35

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.



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In the world we live in, people are not used to getting things for free. There is always a catch! When we do acts of service with no strings attached we are demonstrating God's love to them in a very real, practical and tangible way.

4. Let go of the fear of rejection. A lot of times we do not "evangelize" because we are afraid of being rejected ourselves.

- Luke 10:16

"He who listens to you listens to Me; he who rejects you rejects Me; but he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent me."

- Luke 6:22

Blessed are you when men hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son
of Man.

Know that part of being "Christian" is being rejected. Jesus experienced rejection. But know people are sometimes not ready to receive the message and ultimately they are rejecting God, not you.

5. Let go of the fear of failing. We are used to "superstar" evangelists who are able to convert many people. But we all have different personalities and gifts and are not all the same. Also, people are at different "spiritual addresses." Some are ready to receive Jesus now and some are not there yet. Evangelism really is "drawing people closer to God through relationship with Jesus Christ."
6. Our goal is not just to have people saved but to become worshipers.

As we seek to get closer to God we want to take others with us. Then evangelism is something we do all the time with all the people around us. Whether they are unsaved or are the most godly person we know, our goal is to encourage everyone to become more Christlike.



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III. WORSHIP AND INJUSTICE

A. The heart of God towards the poor: God is a defender of the powerless. He is the Father of people that get taken advantage of, the people who are forgotten. He takes it personally when we do not consider the needy.

- Proverbs 19:17

He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD.

- Psalm 68:5

A Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.

B. Recognizing that there is need around us:

- Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Do not deprive the alien or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this. When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

1. What three groups did God have a heart for and told the Israelites to care for?
 - a. First, aliens. Those are people that have immigrated in. They were not ethnic Israelites.
 - b. Second group, the fatherless. These are orphans. They had no one to look out for them.
 - c. The third category is the widows—those without power, without economic means.



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2. Every society has marginalized people. They may be persons of color, senior citizens, people with physical or mental disabilities, minorities and immigrants, the homeless, or the poor.

Take some time right now and allow the Holy Spirit to remind you of the needs that are around you.

C. Seeking balance in our worship:

1. Mother Teresa was asked what worship meant to her. Without having to think about it she quoted Jesus: "Inasmuch as you do it to the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me."
2. There is a connection between our treatment of the poor and our relationship with God, since He cares so very much for these people. In the times of the prophet Amos, people were worshiping and sacrificing and this is what God said to them:

• Amos 5:21-23

I hate, I despise your religious feasts;
I cannot stand your assemblies.
Even though you bring me burnt offerings and
grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.

Their worship wasn't true worship because it wasn't linked to active obedience. It wasn't flowing out in abundance, like living water; it was stagnant.

3. The compassionate life is more than just a feeling; it is "the act of entering into the suffering of another person with the purpose of relieving it."
(New Dictionary of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology, p.244)



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4. Scripture on helping the needy:

- 1 John 3:17-18

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

- Proverbs 14:21

He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

- Hebrews 13:3

Remember those who are in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

- Isaiah 58:10-11

If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you always;

He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

- Matthew 25:31-46 - The Sheep and the Goats

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you



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invited Me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.'

Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.'

Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite Me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after Me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help You?' He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.' Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

5. What can you do? The need is so great!

• Amos 5:24

But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

6. We need to allow God's river of righteousness, love and mercy to flow to the poor and marginalized people around us and throughout the world.

Take this time and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart on how to balance your worship with caring for the poor and needy.



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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

We will take some time to discuss these questions. Please allow everyone to share. Remember that there is no thing as a dumb question or thought. Also, remember to make this time a safe place for the work of the Holy Spirit. Be trustworthy to allow people to be vulnerable and genuine. We are all in the same process and it is exciting that we can be there for each other.

1. What are the problems of just experiencing intimate worship?
2. What are the problems of just experiencing corporate worship?
3. What are the problems of just experiencing “servant” worship?



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4. Read Acts 2:42-47, and 2:1-13 (on page 41). Discuss what you see in the early Church. Awe and worship (vs. 43) community, belonging, unity (vs. 46) and outreach (vs. 47). What is the Holy Spirit's role in this? (Acts 2:1-13)

5. Read John 15:1-27 (on pages 42-43). Discuss what you see in this passage. Joy and responsibility of abiding in the vine (vs. 1-11). We have the repeated command to love one another (vs. 12-17). Addresses our responsibility to the world and the lost (vs. 18-27).

6. Which facet of worship do you feel the Holy Spirit is prompting you to improve on today? What can you do to balance your worship lifestyle?



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Scriptures for Question Four

- Acts 2:42-47 - The Fellowship of the Believers:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- Acts 2:1-13 - The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost:

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine.



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Scriptures for Question Five

- John 15:1-27 - The Vine and the Branches

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.

9 "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. 10 If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. 11 I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. 17 This is My command: Love each other."

- The World Hates the Disciples

18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as



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its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed My teaching, they will obey yours also. 21 They will treat you this way because of My name, for they do not know the One who sent Me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates Me hates My Father as well. 24 If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both Me and My Father. 25 But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated Me without reason.'

26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning."