

YOU NEED BIBLICAL WORSHIP

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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(From [12 Traits of a Biblical Church](#))

A church is characterized by biblical worship. It offers to God worship that is acceptable to Him according to His Word, with reverence, awe and joy. A church sings psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs whose content is saturated with biblical truth. Its worship includes the public reading of Scripture, the testimonies of God's people, and prayer. A church's worship also includes corporate fasting. Biblical worship prioritizes biblical revelation, spiritual direction, community participation, reverent affection, honest confession, gospel celebration, intentional intercession, and global commission. Every facet of the church's worship aims to glorify God and edify His people.

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ESV

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

SERMON RECAP

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1. Worship should be individual and corporate.
2. Worship should be Sunday and everyday.
3. Worship should be contemporary and ancient.
4. Worship should be internal and external.
5. Worship should be doctrinal and emotional.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Aside from your love for Christ, what is something that those who know you well easily know that you love?

PASSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Deut. 6:4-5 aloud as a group. You might have the entire group read it aloud together. Now consider the context of this passage. Before Moses gave these words, what had God done for the people of Israel at this point in history? In what ways had the people of God responded to Him at different points along the way?
2. What doctrine is taught in these verses? What emotion and affections are encouraged in these verses?
3. What are some examples or principles from this passage and other passages in Scripture that our worship should be both individual and corporate?
4. The Israelites were all too familiar with polytheistic cultures around them. As Moses addresses the new generation of the people of Israel, before they enter into the promised land, he starts with a

focus on God Himself before he directs their response to God.

- What must God's people first acknowledge about God?
- What must God's people acknowledge about our response to God? See Mark 12:29-31, Rom. 12:1, 1 Cor. 10:31.

Note: We learn from this passage that our obedience to God flows out of our love for God.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. Consider how you spend your time each week. What does that reveal about your priorities? How might we redirect our worship, this very week, back to the one true God?
2. This passage shows that our worship should be holistic.
 - What are things we should know if we want to worship God well?
 - What are things we should believe if we want to worship God well?
 - What are things we should do if we want to worship God well?
3. What aspects of holistic worship are easy for you? What is difficult for you, or when is worship difficult for you? What is one area where you might need to adjust your current practices and rhythms of worship?
4. What is one area where our Church Group might adjust our corporate practices of worship? (If you need some examples, you might consider some from this list)
 - Praise and Thanksgiving (Hebrews 13:15)
 - Singing (Ephesians 5:19)
 - Prayer (1 Timothy 2:1)
 - Confession of sin (Matthew 6:12)
 - Scripture Reading and Teaching (1 Timothy 4:13)
 - Serving (1 Peter 4:10-11)
 - Giving (2 Corinthians 9:11-15)
 - Greeting (Romans 16:16)
5. How can we pray for God to recalibrate our hearts? Let's take time now, either as a group or in huddles, to pray and thank God for His grace in our lives. Let's ask Him for the grace to worship Him well, with our whole hearts, in days to come. (PRAY NOW.)

LEADER NOTES

Church Group Leaders, please share the following information with your Church Group:

1. Pastor DJ Corkey created an extremely helpful Church Group Leader 201 video on the topic of Biblical Worship. Please check it out [HERE](#).
2. Visit the [Global Outreach Weekly Prayer Focus](#) each week to learn about an unreached region of world and the ways we can join together in prayer for them. You can see the full 2022 Global Outreach Prayer Guide [HERE](#).
3. Looking to serve? Check out mcleanbible.org/localoutreach for ideas and to register your event, or contact us at localoutreach@mcleanbible.org for additional assistance.