



OPENING UP: WHAT IS AUTHENTIC WORSHIP?

Write down a definition below:

WHAT IS AUTHENTIC WORSHIP TO _____?

Worship exists, because _____ exists.

"Worship is the _____ of God's redeemed people to His self-_____ that exalts God's glory in Christ in our minds, affections, and wills, in the power of the Holy Spirit." Bob Kauflin

Psalm 19:1-2

Isaiah 6

Col. 1:16

Eph. 1

"Redemption is the means; worship is the goal. In one sense, worship is the whole point of everything. It is the purpose of history, the goal of the whole Christian story. Worship is not one segment of the Christian life among others. Worship is the entire Christian life..." John Frame

Four spiritual realities about worship...

#1 BY NATURE, WE ARE BORN WORSHIPPERS.

Adam and Eve's worship in the perfection of Eden

Sin distorted worship away from God

How can we know if what we worship is right or wrong?

*God is the only truly _____ thing to center our lives around.
Everything else will fail us.*

#2 WORSHIP IS GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE TO US BEFORE IT IS OUR OFFERING TO GOD.

...for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23-24)

Worship always starts with God. Bob Kauflin says that "It takes _____ to worship _____." Worship is first about understanding and embracing what God has given us in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near... (Heb. 10:19-22)

#3 AUTHENTIC CORPORATE WORSHIP IS INSEPARABLY LINKED TO AUTHENTIC PERSONAL WORSHIP.

Old testament worship centered around _____ and _____

New testament worship centers around _____ of _____

Hebrews 10:1 Colossians 2:17 Roman 12:1-2

Jesus Christ is our...

Christians don't have a Sunday "_____"

*"The church does not gather to worship on Sunday mornings and then engage in something different during the rest of the week.
New Testament worship is "constant worship" - D. A. Carson*

#4 AUTHENTIC PERSONAL WORSHIP SHOULD OVERFLOW INTO AUTHENTIC CORPORATE WORSHIP... THAT RESULTS IN _____ & DOXOLOGICAL _____.

Mutual Edification - Hebrews 10:24-25

"...there is a participation in worship which is more intense than is the individual passion of any one of them when he is by himself." - Robert Rayburn

Doxological Evangelism - Psalm 40:3

"If the Sunday service aims primarily at evangelism, it will bore the saints. If it aims primarily at education, it will confuse unbelievers. But if it aims at praising the God who saves by grace, it will both instruct insiders & challenge outsiders. Good corporate worship will naturally be evangelistic." - Tim Keller

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