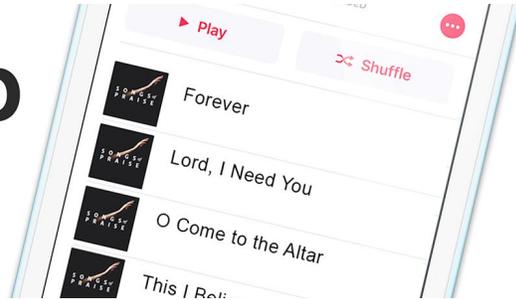


The Worship Playlist

Illustrations from God's Word



Worship Playlist Grateful (Apr 14) 6th-7th Grade

Series Summary: In this series, we will discuss the message of worship songs we sing. As we do this we will see the biblical truths they point us towards and help us see what it means to worship in “spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24)

LIVE TEACHING FROM STAGE SUMMARY

How many of you guys would say you are a jealous person? Most of you would say no, and that is great. But how many of you guys have noticed when somebody got a better gift than you? That's a little bit of jealousy. **But it becomes so much more serious when we do this in our faith.** We ask God “why have you given to others more than you have given to me?” **The problem is** when we fall into this kind of thinking we lose sight of what God has already given us. If you are a believer look at what you have been freely given.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Freely given...

- Grace through faith that is a gift from God
- Loved by God and his handiwork
- Entrusted by God to do good works (Great Commission)

Challenge: If we lose sight of what God has given us and fail to be grateful for the good gifts we have lost the heart of worship.

*"I give thanks, for all You have done
And I will sing, of Your mercy and Your love
Your love is unfailing
Lord, I am grateful"*

Why is it so important that we are thankful for what God has given us?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, **17** pray continually, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Paul here commands us to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. Some days that may come naturally, others not so much. When do you find yourself not being thankful for the blessings God has given you in your life?

What are some practical steps that we can take to remain grateful for what God has given us?

How does praying continually help us rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances? What is the connection?

Leader Note: In our *Prayer Posture* series in the Fall we talked about the different types of prayers, including prayers of thanksgiving (thankfulness). If we have a healthy prayer life that includes thanking God for the great blessings in our lives we will be able to rejoice in all situations because we will not forget what we have been given, Christ.

How can this small group encourage one another to be grateful for the blessing God has given us?