

## October 2021 Connection Guide

### **Worship**

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#### Icebreakers

1. Would you rather spend a “day off” by yourself or with someone else? What would you do on your day off?
2. What place(s) have you felt closest to God?

#### What is Worship?

Our western society is very individualistic, thus it is easy to define worship in this way. Yet, worship can be both private or public; individual or corporate. Whether private or public, we can worship God in our workplaces or homes; churches or nature. Worship is best understood as the **attitude** of the heart and mind vs. the **location** of the worshiper(s). Whether done individually or corporately, basic components of the worship of God include (but are not limited to) the following:

- ◆ Service to God and others / meeting needs through giving of time, resources, or encouragement
- ◆ Corporate gatherings “where two or more are gathered together in Christ’s name” (Matt 18:20)
- ◆ Devotion to God through meditation upon, and practice of, scripture, prayer, creating art & music
- ◆ Sacraments: Baptism and Communion
- ◆ Vocation

#### Discussion Questions

- Can you think of any other forms of worshipping God?

#### Obedience as Worship

**John 14:15** New Living Translation (NLT)

Jesus said, “If you love me, obey my commandments.”

**Romans 12:1-2** New International Version (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

#### Discussion Questions

- **When Jesus says, “obedience = loving Him,” does that mean obedience is worship? Does this make the emphasis of worship “behavior” rather than “heart attitude”?**
- **How is the way we use our bodies considered worship? (see Romans 12:1-2)**

#### What defines whether a gathering is “Church”?

**Hebrews 10:24-25** (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Acts 2:42-44** (NLT)

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.

#### Discussion Questions

- **Church attendance is not a requirement for salvation. Why do some people believe it is?**
- **If salvation is not gained by attending Church, then what are the benefits of attending Church?**
- **What defines whether a gathering is “church”; location, numbers, agenda, participants, etc...?**

## Is that really worship? Baptism, Communion, Tithes & Offerings, Vocation?

### **Mathew 3:14-15** New Century Version (NCV)

<sup>14</sup> But John tried to stop him, saying, "Why do you come to me to be baptized? I need to be baptized by you!" <sup>15</sup> Jesus answered, "Let it be this way for now. We should do all things that are God's will." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.

### **Matthew 28:18-20** (NCV)

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. <sup>19</sup> So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age."

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### **Luke 22:18-19** (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come."  
<sup>19</sup> He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26** (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."  
<sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **Colossians 3:23-24** New Revised Standard (NRS)

<sup>23</sup> Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

### **2 Corinthians 9:6-7** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

### Discussion Questions

- **Why did Jesus say that he needed to be baptized?**
- **Have you been baptized? If not, do you want to be?**
- **Why did Jesus tell his disciples to keep practicing communion?**
- **What are the obstacles for people to taking communion or being baptized?**
- **What defines a person as a "cheerful" giver?**
- **Why is cheerfulness in giving the thing that God loves?**
- **Why is "money & the Church" such a sensitive issue for people?**
- **Do you think your vocation is "holy work"? What makes vocation holy?**

## **So What Now? Next Right Steps as a Worshiper...**

**Bible:** Read or Listen to the Bible - put into action what you hear

**Gather** on a regular basis with other Christians for worship

Be **Baptized**

Cheerfully **Give** a regular tithe to God through your local Church

Ask God how you can make your **Job** an act of worship of Him

### **Deeper study and more resources**

- **The Bible Project: Jesus' Baptism** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k4GbvZUPuo>
- **Johnny's story about tithing** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-sufYOnjVE>
- **Are you ready to get baptized?** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zw4kl1S83SE>
- **Vocational Stewardship** – <https://lifewayresearch.com/2019/09/16/work-as-worship/>
- **What We Believe; Free Methodist Church USA** – <https://fmcusa.org/webelieve>

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