

# Words TO LIVE BY

## Part 2: "Worship"

### INTRODUCTION - Learning From The Trees

**Psalm 19:1; 98:7-8; Isaiah 55:12; Luke 19:39-40; Revelation 5:13**

Worship is where the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ intersect.  
**Ephesians 1:12**

### Romancing The Stone

**Revelation 4:8-11; 5:6-14; 7:9-12; 15:2-4; 19:4-10.**

Worship is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Christian experience.  
(Your reaction can say a lot about your developmental maturity.)

### The Word On Worship

#### WORSHIP:

An attitude of honour and adoration that is expressed through \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

*WORSHIP VS. PRAISE...*

*PRAISE VS. THANKSGIVING...*

### Praise - A Corporate Privilege

- Praise is always expressed \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ezra 3:10-11; Psalm 34:1-3; 66:1; 71:23; 145:21; Isaiah 12:6; Hebrews 13:15**

- We can \_\_\_\_\_ our praises.

**2 Chronicles 29:29-30; Ezra 3:10-11; Psalm 33:1-3; 47:6; 71:22; 150**

- We can \_\_\_\_\_ our praise.

i) Bowing - **1 Chronicles 29:20**

ii) Raising Hands - **Nehemiah 8:5-6; Psalm 63:3-4; 134:2; 141:2**

iii) Clapping Hands - **Psalm 47:1**

iv) Dancing - **Psalm 30:11-12; 149:3; 150:4; Luke 15:25**

### Worship & The Meeting House

EMOTIONAL INTIMACY – *3 Options...*

WORSHIP STYLES – *5 Categories...*

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – *3 Places...*

CONCLUSION - Joy, Jerusalem, & God  
**Luke 24:52-53; Zephaniah 3:17**

## HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

### WARMING UP...

1. How 'celebratory' was your childhood church experience? How has that effected (positively or negatively) your ability to worship God biblically today?
2. When it comes to worshipping God in a church context, do you tend toward an academic approach or an emotional approach? How is your personal tendency helpful and how is it a hindrance to your spiritual growth and to holistic worship?
3. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.

### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

4. Read **Psalm 63**. a) What verse stands out the most to you from this passage? Why? b) What kinds of things seem to motivate David to praise God? c) What ways of worship does David describe here? d) Do you incorporate similar motivations or similar ways into your worship of God?
5. Read about a revival of worship described in **Nehemiah 8:1-12**. For each of the following concepts, discuss: i) the role they played in this revival and, ii) the role they play (or don't play) in your own spiritual life.  
a) Unity; b) Scripture; c) Spiritual leadership; d) Celebration.

### SO WHAT?...

6. If worship is an attitude of *honour* expressed through *service*, *celebration*, and *praise*, which aspect of worship do you feel the need to work on the most in your own life?
7. Do you have a "next step" to take regarding worship in your life? What is one way this week you could better worship God? (Need ideas? Check out **Matthew 5:16; Romans 15:6-7**.) Pray for each other regarding this.
8. If time permits, close by reading **Hebrews 12:28-29** and spending some time praising God.

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