

Worship Workshop 2019 "God Always Moves First"

Everything is worship: teaching/learning, serving the body, serving others, art/ expression, time devoted to God

1. God always moves first.

- Psalm 139: 1 - 16
- He's in our hearts and knows us before we knew Him
- Worship is simply a response to the person and work of God
- We all respond differently to that work
- Two way conversation initiated by Him

2. Sacrifice

- Romans 11:33 - 12:21 gives us a Theological framework , we see God is always first.
- Is sacrifice simply giving something up?
- Is it's only purpose to appease God?
- "Korbanat" (to draw near)
- Sacrifice is not for our benefit, our sacrifice is for others.
- Outward focus

So what happens when we look to God first, then offer our sacrifice of praise...

3, Worship is Transformative

- Isaiah 1:11-17
- Worship transforms us into who or what we worship
- Christ focused: growing towards Christ-likeness
- Word focused: always being transformed

4. Worship is unifying

- We are a community of Christ, the people of God
- How do we widen our definition of family?
- God is a community Himself and we are invited in through Christ.
- Christ is our ultimate worship leader and example.
- God doesn't recruit us (He doesn't need us) He calls us into partnership.
- Disunity and hurt happen when we are not being transformed.
- Unity is not sameness. We have a unity in diversity.

5. Worship is Sending

- We are moving tents of God - like the tabernacle, not the temple.
- Since the temple curtain ripped, we are God's residence.
- Jesus is the temple. That's where we go to meet with God
- The church is God's presence through his people - the living sacrifices

- We draw others to God. Worship should push us outward.
- We are sent, not dismissed to use our gifts

Hebrews 12:18-24

Hebrews 13:15-16

Were you ever one of the "Frozen Chosen"?

Togetherness

God has invited His Body here

A corporate event, unlike personal worship

Lyrical awareness

Hospitality

Welcoming atmosphere

Select the best "Host" to greet

Prepare! Get ready! both in the room and in our hearts/minds

"We" songs to bring them in

Lyrical awareness

Individuality

Multiple personalities on the platform

Team Leader is part of the group

Personally forming a connection with the Body

Connection

Close the gap between the platform and the pews

Connect with the team, know your music

Pay attention to God AND His people

Be aware that you are being observed and followed

Stay out of your "bubble." Open yourself (face, hands)

It's okay to be yourself - an authentic worshiper