

Worship: What does the Bible say?

- Psalm 95:6** Come let us bow down in worship let us kneel before the Lord our Maker for He is our God and we are the people of his pasture the flock under his care.
- John 4:24**true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit and his worshippers must worship in spirit and truth.
- Romans 12:1,2** Therefore I urge you brothers in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able test and approve what God's will is His good pleasing and perfect will.,
- Psalm 100:2** Worship the Lord with gladness come before Him with joyful songs
- Psalm 101:1,2** I will sing of your love and justice to you O Lord I will sing praise. I will be careful to lead a blameless life, when will you come to me.

When we are leading worship in church or on camp it's not just going through the motion of singing a few songs but trying to draw everyone into that place where they can focus on God, to make them aware of God's presence.

Taking worship in its broadest sense, it's the whole of life. Jesus is our example of a lifestyle of worship and he led the life of a worshipper with God as his focus, fulfilling the commandment, Love the Lord your God with all you heart. That is so difficult for us as humans to do so group worship is important to help lift our faith and encourage us in our spiritual journey.

Music is an emotive tool, it opens our emotions and can change our emotions. Since worship is a heart and mind response it's very difficult to worship without emotion.

The music ministry is about being unified. Unified with other musicians and unified with the congregation before God. It's a very sacrificial task as a worship leader to give of yourself for the team. It's so important to pray for- each other and build one another up.

Points to consider

- Learn to encourage. Smile be enthusiastic. Use your whole face, eye contact is essential, to draw people in. Be sensitive to flow with what God wants.
- Give clear directions to everybody. They need to know that YOU know where you're going. Hand signals work for some but I prefer vocal cues.
- Try and vary your arrangements. Bottoms out for a bit then bring them in.
- Nothing wrong with using a bit of body language.
- Encourage your musicians to watch you as much as they can and try and keep things flowing as much as possible.



- Satan can and will do lots of things to tear the music ministry apart so prayer together is once again essential.

God is pleased when our worship is authentic.

- God wants all of you
- Where you worship is not as important as why you worship and how much of yourself you offer to God
- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul Worship must be genuine and heart felt.
- Man looks at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart.
- The best style of worship is the one that most authentically represents your love for God
- The most common mistake Christians make in worship today is seeking an experience rather than seeking God.
- When you feel abandoned by God yet continue to trust him You worship him in the deepest way.

Romans 6:13 Give yourselves to God Surrender your whole being to Him to be used for righteous purposes.

The heart of worship is surrender. Offering yourself to God is what worship is all about. The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become because He made us.

Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Music plays a big part in my spiritual life because I use music as a very strong tool of worship. It's one of those tools that is so powerful and flexible it can be used in a very meaningful way to draw me into a place where I am very focused on God.

