
The Worshiping Church: Others-Focused

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Key Truth: We glorify God in our worship when we are others-focused.

Worship is cross-shaped. It contains the vertical elements of being God-focused, but also contains the horizontal elements of being others-focused. Worshiping God is not solely about our individual communion with God. Otherwise, there would be no need to gather *together* in worship. When we worship God, we join together in what has been called the “ministry of ‘One-Anothering’.”

DISCUSS

Do you agree that true worship to God should be Others-Focused? Why or why not? What are some ways that could or could not be true?

DIG IN

1. We worship God by loving one another. (1 Peter 4:8)

When it comes to loving one another, why do you think Peter said, “Above all” (v. 8a)?

In what ways does love cover “a multitude of sins” (v. 8b)?

2. We worship God by welcoming one another. (1 Peter 4:9)

Why is it important to show hospitality to one another?

Why should hospitality be given “without grumbling?”

What does this look like in the context of corporate worship?

3. We worship God by serving one another. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

Why is it important that our service be gift-driven (see v. 10a)?

Should our giftedness limit our service? Why or why not?

In what ways is our service a stewardship (v. 10)?

What are the practical ways we lay hold of “the strength that God supplies” (v. 11)?

DO

Before next Sunday, think about the steps you take on Sunday morning “from waking to worshipping.” Reassess the typical patterns you display when coming into the corporate worship service. What kinds of things should change: Your attitudes? Your habits? Your company?