

WHY WE DO CHURCH PART IV
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INTRODUCTION

- God is crazy about His family.
- The church is called to: teach, train, and care.
- We need a family; we were created to need one another.
- We all need hope. Our lives can have eternal meaning.

I. WIRED TO WORSHIP

- Worshipping with others transforms us.
- Mark 12:29-31, "...The most important commandment is this...you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength..."
- Worship is telling God how grateful we are for Him.
- Worship isn't just music, though it often includes music.
- Worship is loving God and others, spiritually and practically.

II. WHY WORSHIP

- We worship because He loves us!
- Ephesians 1:4-5, "Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ...so we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son."
- He has done great things for us.
- 1 Chronicles 29:14, "But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to You? Everything we have has come from You, and we give You only what You first gave us!"
- It puts life into perspective. It reminds me there is a God and it is not me!
- Worship welcomes God's wisdom and presence into our circumstances.

III. BECOMING A WORSHIPPER

- What makes worship worshipful to God? Our hearts, our whole heart.
- 2 Chronicles 31:21, "...Hezekiah sought his God wholeheartedly. As a result, he was very successful."
- When we worship with others we grow.
- What makes worship not worshipful?
- Heartless worship - Isaiah 29:13
- The New Testament church considered one another the church. There was anticipation of gathering!
- Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said to me, 'let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

IV. WHAT TO DO NOW

- Gather to listen and learn the Word - Deuteronomy 31:12
- Do what we learn. Worship is to do what the Spirit leads us to do - John 13:17
- Sing and Celebrate
- Pray: Prayer is part of worship - Acts 1:14
- Serve: Service is worship - Romans 1:12
- Give: Learn generosity
 - The New Testament church gave their time, talent, and treasure to build the Kingdom.

CLOSE

- Making a spiritual commitment is worship.
- Surrender - Romans 12:1-2
- Many of us have grown to become spectators.
- We were created for good works - Ephesians 2:8-10
- To get into the game and off of the bench.