

## **Bible Study**

### **I WILL- Lesson 4**

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#### ***DISCOVERING MY PURPOSE FOR WORSHIP***

##### **Acts 2:40-47**

True worship manifests itself in the individual's response to the majesty of God. In other words no one can worship for you. True biblical worship manifests itself in the experience with other believers. We call that corporate worship. In the Christian context some call it "going to church." You can go to church and not worship. True worship springs from the heart and soul.

Our text gives us an illustration of true biblical worship. We can experience God individually and we should, but we should never forget nor neglect experiencing God corporately. In the book of Acts 2:41 the church witnesses 3000 people getting saved. You cannot witness that kind of move of God privately; this happened at a public gathering of worship. Public worship must be intentional, informative and inspirational so that God's glory can be manifested.

Let me share with you three highlights from the many ingredients in this text that will help us to discover our purpose for worship.

1. Their Worship was Intentional. (vs. 40-42)
  - A. They had the right attitude
  - B. They had regal attendance
2. Their Worship was Informative. (vs. 43-45)
  - A. They learned to exercise their faith
  - B. They loved to experience the fellowship
3. Their Worship was Inspirational. (vs. 46-47)
  - A. They were joyful
  - B. They were jubilant