

Bible Study
Lesson 6
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DISCOVERING MY PERSPECTIVE ON WORSHIP

Psalm 138

Every church has a unique personality. You may find similarities in their worship experience however there can be a difference in the people's attitude and response, their love or liturgy, their hospitality and fellowship. There are no perfect churches but there is a church that fits your faith or personality. God has designed a diversity of churches for a diversity of personalities so that we can discover our perspective on worship.

When we worship with others, we should be focusing our hearts on God alongside other believers. There is something powerful, even miraculous, about Christians united together to worship God. Worship should never be dull or boring when Jesus is the center of our worship or when Jesus is the center of our joy. Worship should never be centered around a person or people, preacher or place but true worship begins in our hearts, in spirit and truth.

Worshipping with others should have a common thread no matter what our perspective on worship is. Here are three common threads that we should experience in corporate worship.

- I. Prayer is a Vital part of Our Worship. (v3)
 - A. Pray for self to decrease. (Judge not)
 - B. Pray for the Savior to increase (Joy) (v2)
- II. Praise is a Vital part of Our Worship. (v1)
 - A. Singing is a part of our worship (His goodness) (v5)
 - B. Shouting is a part of our worship (His glory) (v4)
- III. Proclamation is a Vital part of Our Worship. (v2b)
 - A. We need a word from the Lord (provision) (v7)
 - B. We need a word of love for each other (protection) (v8)