



FINE ARTS

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discipleship dimension: worship

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Set an example in worship personally and corporately and understand that worship is a choice that allows you to overcome circumstances and emotions.



Daily Worship

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scripture

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.”

Romans 12:1

“Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.”

Colossians 3:16

discover

When I was in high school, I struggled on a weekly basis with being bullied. I couldn't wait for Sunday and Wednesday church. I loved being around all the encouraging Christian people. I remember thinking on Monday, “I can't wait until Wednesday.” However, if the worship songs weren't songs that meant a lot to me, I'd feel disappointed, like I was robbed of the chance to be ministered to. It wasn't until I started volunteering in kids church that I noticed it didn't matter what song was playing. The kids worshipped with their whole hearts—even if they didn't know the songs or the words. From that moment, I thought, “If these children can worship no matter what, so can I.”

I also realized that so many areas in my life could be worship. When I played sports, I could worship God. When I cleaned my room or did my chores, I could do it as worship unto the Lord. Walking the halls in my school, I could pray and worship in my head, especially since every day I felt like I was being persecuted for my faith. Worship became a daily action! When I was by myself, I could listen to any worship song that I wanted, or I could sing a capella as an offering to the Lord. It made coming together with other fellow believers even better as we could worship corporately.

develop

Paul was writing to the church in Rome when he said that true worship was meant to be an offering—a living sacrifice to God. What can we sacrifice? We can sacrifice extra sleep in the morning to spend time with Him. We can sacrifice our money by giving to those in need, to Speed the Light, or to our churches. We offer our talents and our giftings as an offering, like the ones you use in Fine Arts. We are called to live a lifestyle of worship, not just on Sunday and Wednesday or during Fine Arts season. Worship should be something we put into action every hour, every day. These actions will become positive habits in our lives., and every moment becomes a service to God.

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As you discuss this as a team, talk about how you can hold each other accountable in your daily worship. No matter how you feel, no matter your circumstances or what is going on in life—build a habit of coming to the Lord with your worship, both personally and corporately. You can't worry and worship at the same time. Encourage your teammates to make worship not about how well you sing or play your instrument, but about honoring God with your life. Let it be an action that defines who you are as a team and a youth group.

prayer

Take this time to pray together. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group as you commit to make worship a daily sacrifice, individually and as a group. Pray that you would encourage each other that worship is not about the songs you sing on Sunday and Wednesday. It's about your heart and the worship you live out day by day.