



FINE ARTS

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discipleship dimension: worship

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Grow in your understanding of worship and respond obediently to God's love and pursue knowledge of His character.



Who is Worship For?

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scripture

“Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.”

Hebrews 12:28–29

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!”

1 Chronicles 29:11–13

discover

Knowing God should be a lifelong journey of understanding who He is—mainly through reading Scripture—but that’s not the only way we learn more about Him. One of the beautiful things about reading the Bible is that it puts you in a place to uncover who God is.

Revelation happens when what you have learned through biblical knowledge connects with the emotional parts of our heart—and it leaps within us. You begin to learn and understand more and more about God and His love, and sometimes, you can only stand still in awe. When this happens, it leads to worship.

Worship is when you begin to connect your spirit with God’s Spirit. It’s where you gain such an adoration for who God is that you enter into God’s presence. And in His presence, you experience all that comes with Him. You learn about His character, His love, His joy, His peace, and you experience worship in a whole new light.

develop

I'll never forget when pastor and worship leader Jeff Deyo asked the question at camp in Montana: "Who is worship for? Is it for you or for God?" So many people screamed out "It's for God!"

Discuss this with your group—who is worship really for, and why?

Jeff Deyo once said: "If it is true that God has no needs and that His worth cannot be increased or decreased by our worship, then it stands to reason that the overall benefit of worshiping God is less His than it is ours. It's me who is changed as I lift my hands or bow my knees to my Creator. Not Him. It's my own heart that is set free when I dance before Him or sing in harmony with His people. Not His. It's my perspective that is renewed when I stand trembling before Him in awe and wonder. Not His. Even though God does not need us, He does want us."

deploy

What are some things you, as a Fine Arts team, can do to understand more about God's character? What about to respond obediently to His love for you through worship? When you are worshipping, what are some characteristics of God you can think of that might change you personally, and shape who you are as a team?

prayer

Pray that you, and your team, grow in your understanding of who God is—so much so that you stand in awe of Him and can't help but worship Him. Ask God to help you not treat Fine Arts as a showcase, but as an offering of true worship to God.