

Worship wk 2

INTRO // Welcome. Heart behind the series.

- Jesus deserves our worship ALL THE TIME.
- No matter what's going on in our lives it never negates His goodness and what He has done for us.
- Worship should be our natural response to Him.
- We can't let the enemy keep us from worshipping.

ILLUSTRATION // Engaging story or illustration to help set up the tension.

Story about some tactics you have observed that the enemy uses to keep people from worshipping Jesus. (I talk about how Sunday mornings felt like the hardest mornings to wake up at their age and how my family would fight before church that day more than any other day of the week.)

TRANSITION//

The Bible tells us the enemy roams around like a lion seeking whom he can devour. And that is no joke. He really is on the prowl, looking for our weak spots so he can make a move. And of all the things he would love to stop us from doing, worship is probably at the top of his list. After all, that's what caused his fall from heaven. He wouldn't worship God, but wanted to be worshipped himself; so why would he want us to?

TENSION // What is the question or the topic we are wrestling with in the message?

So we need to ask ourselves...Do we let the enemy stop us from worshipping God?

Scripture set up//

He's been trying to stop the worship of Jesus ever since He was born.

SCRIPTURE //Matthew 2:1-4; 2:13; 2:16

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

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13 Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him."

16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent *men* and killed all the boys who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

BUT...

MAIN POINT // If there was one BIG thought that you could guarantee your students leave thinking about what would it be? What's the main point we are focussing on?

NOTHING CAN STOP THE WORSHIP OF JESUS!

Romans 8:38-39 says:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our connection with Him cannot be broken. Did you hear that verse I just read? Not even death! And as long as we are encountering the love of God, as we learned last week, the natural reaction of worshipping Him will not end. And even if *people* are silenced it won't stop!

Luke 19:37-40 says this...

37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, 38 shouting:

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"

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ILLUSTRATION // Engaging story or physical illustration to help students grasp the main point.

Give an illustration of something that cannot be stopped. I used the example of water. Maybe you can have a visual too.

My example: Have you ever been to a water park where there are those little fountains that shoot up out of the ground? Usually I've seen where there are a whole bunch together and kids usually go and sit on them or step on them. They feel really good on your feet actually...anyway, did you ever notice how if you step on one then the one next to it shoots out even higher? Or if you and all your friends try to plug all of them up you really can't stop the water from coming out a little. It might come out between your fingers or spray out one side where it finds a hole. There's always a way that water finds to break out and it won't be stopped - just like praise to Jesus.

APPLICATION // What does the main point have to do with our students lives? How is what we are talking about something they can all relate to?

- The very fact that the devil is trying to stop us means it's important
- The rocks will cry out if we don't
- Worship shows God that we want Him with us.
- shows Him that we recognize who He is and what He has done and that He is worthy of our lives.
- Worship makes us aware of His presence
- Worshipping gives us God's perspective of Him, ourselves and satan - which empowers us to be victorious in accomplishing the will of God

CHALLENGE // Equip students with action steps they can take that week to grow in this area of their faith.

So this week, I challenge each of you to continue for another week to set aside 10 minutes a day to worship Jesus. Spend time in His presence by singing to Him, speaking to Him or telling someone about Him. And I want to up the ante this time and let's make it a discipline. I want you to find someone right now and tell them what time you will be doing this each day this week and the two of you check on each other and make sure it's done. It does not matter if you don't feel like it. It does not matter if you have things that are distracting you. Jesus did not let his feelings or distraction get in the way of doing the will of His Father, so neither can we.

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CLOSE // Begin transitioning to altar time. Call up band. Have prayer team get ready. Etc.

ILLUSTRATION // This should be a powerful, emotional, and or vulnerable story or physical illustration to help land the message and set up altars.

Jesus was tempted by the devil but did not give in.

ALTARS WITH ACTION // Every altar time we should be giving **EVERYONE** something to do. Be intentional with how we are challenging students to respond to the message.

It doesn't matter how we feel, we are going to worship. We will bring a sacrifice of praise to God.

SALVATION OPPORTUNITY // Before we dismiss we always want to give students the opportunity to receive Jesus.