

THE HEART OF WORSHIP: WEEK 2

HEART OF THE SERIES: The heart of worship sermon series is designed to teach the model of worship we see in Psalm 100: 'enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.' I think a lot of times we use this verse as reference in how we approach the throne of God, but what happens when we get there? In this sermon series we will be talking through how we can create an environment that encounters Jesus in his courtroom. In week 2, we will be discussing what exactly praise and worship does. Once we have a better understanding of the function of worship, we open ourselves to experience the miraculous! The Heart of Worship sermon series will invoke our students not only to know God, but to truly see God.

KEY SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 20:21-24

TENSION: If we do not understand the true power of worship, we will never fully unlock the power God has placed inside of us!

Illustration: Talk about a time where you went to a concert or even threw a concert for your parents when you were little. This illustration will tie us into how we can have a worship service that is nothing more than a concert!

Mine: I used to throw concerts for my parents in my living room! I set up a little disco ball, sing songs, my parents would clap for us, then we would leave like nothing had really happened....

- A. How many of us come into service every week and just throw a concert for Jesus and leave like nothing really happened....
- B. Worship is designed by God to hold power; however, we have begun to turn worship into nothing more than a couple songs with no indication of life change...
- C. We cannot fully engage in worship, unless we understand what it was designed to do.

1. Praise/Worship Pulls Down Heaven

- a. Praise - the offering of grateful homage in word and song as an act of worship. To honor, commend, or give thanks
- b. Psalm 22 says that God is enthroned on the praises of his people
 - i. God's throne IS praise, which means when we choose not to Praise or Worship Him we are dethroning him.
- c. Because his throne IS praise, when we praise/worship we are building the throne for Jesus to come and sit.
- d. Vs. 17-19 : when we stand in worship, we are standing in victory!

2. Praise/Worship Breaks Bondage and Produces Deliverance

- a. Worship - 'to fall down before' 'to bow down' it is an attitude we must put on inside our hearts, minds, and spirits.

- b. When we partner honor with vulnerability, the atmosphere shifts and we allow Jesus to be enthroned in our hearts, minds, and spirit
- c. Where the spirit of the Lord is there is freedom!
- d. Not a single one of the enemy escaped...they were free!

Altar - create moment for students to encounter Jesus in worship! Invite his presence in the room and let him do what he does!