

Meet with God #4

Through worship

1. We have been created too big to be satisfied with _____. We need _____.
Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)

CS Lewis

We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

John Piper

The enemy of worship is not that our desire for pleasure is too strong, but too weak! We have settled for a home, a family, a few friends, a job, a television, a microwave oven, an occasional night out, a yearly vacation, and perhaps a new personal computer. We have accustomed ourselves to such meager, short-lived pleasures that our capacity for joy has shriveled. And so our worship has shriveled.

2. Worship is the act of _____ your allegiance to your _____:
Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)

3. Worship comes from the Old English word, “_____”. To be _____ by the _____ of something. **Psalm 115:4-8 (NASB)**

4. God designed us for the _____ of pledging your _____ (worship) to God.

Joe Aldrich

Sunday morning is conceived as a means to accomplish something other than worship. We worship to raise money; we worship to attract crowds; we worship to heal human hurts; to recruit workers; to improve church morale; to give talented musicians an opportunity to fulfill their calling; to teach our children the way of righteousness; to help marriages stay together; to evangelize the lost; to motivate people for service projects; to give our churches a family feeling. Genuine affections for God are in end in themselves.

5. God is not a _____ that unlocks a _____ chest, God is the treasure chest.
Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)
6. God is not a steppingstone to great _____; God is your _____ of happiness. **Psalm 37:4 (NIV)**
7. God is not a tool to get something _____. God is the something great you are _____ for. **Psalm 16:5 (NASB)**

Charles Spurgeon

It is a bad sign for a child to love his father because he gives him meat and drink and clothes, and will leave him an inheritance, and not rather to love the very person of his father.

8. God is not a spring of living _____ to drink from; God is the _____ water.
Psalm 63:1 (NIV)

Henry Blackaby

If you find that Christianity exhausts you, draining you of your energy, then you are practicing religion rather than enjoying a relationship. Jesus said that a relationship with Him would bring rest to your soul. Your walk with the lord will not make you weary; it will invigorate you, restore your strength, and energize your life.

9. Worship God in _____ and in _____. **John 4:19-26**

10. Worship with the _____ part of _____ (spirit), in the _____ part of _____ (truth).

- a. Let your guilt (spirit) touch His grace (truth).
- b. Let your shame (spirit) hold on to His forgiveness (truth).
- c. Let your let your hurt (spirit) embrace His peace (truth).
- d. Let your oppression (spirit) meditate on His hope (truth).
- e. Let your anger (spirit) observe His cross (truth).
- f. Let your loneliness (spirit) hold onto His love (truth).
- g. Let your depression (spirit) view His heaven (truth).
- h. Let your joy (spirit) feed on His freedom (truth).
- i. Let your excitement (spirit) celebrate His Glory (truth).
- j. Let your passion (spirit) sing in His wonder (truth).
- k. Let your energy (spirit) rejoice in His strength (truth).