



Big Idea: This is Victory – Part Two

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We are a Worshipping Church

This week Pastor Curt unpacked the heart of worship. The question is not will you worship? Rather, **what or who are you worshipping?** We must first recognize that **we were made to worship**, and worship is our response to what we value most. We were made to worship and praise our Creator and the Bible is very specific in how we are to do that.

⇒⇒**String – voice** ⇒⇒**Wind – breath** ⇒⇒**Percussion – hands**

(just a few of the original Hebrew words for our one English word praise)

Halel – to rave, boast, celebrate, to be clamorously foolish. (Psalm 35:18)

Yadah – to acknowledge in public with extended hands. (Psalm 138:1)

Barak – to bless by kneeling or bowing. (Psalm 103:1)

Zamar – making music to God with strings. (Psalm 92:1)

Shabach – to address in a loud tone, to shout. (Psalm 63:3-4)

Towdah – to lift hands in adoration. (Psalm 50:23)

Tehilah – exuberant singing. (Psalm 34:1; Psalm 108:1, 3)

Time and time again in scripture we are commanded to praise the Lord. It's not just a suggestion; And even more important to understand – praise in every sense of the word is **demonstrative**. Meaning it requires action on **our** part!

Worship is love expressed.

Mark 12:28-30

“One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul.’”

[Expressing my **affection** to God], all your mind [Focus my **attention** on God], and all your strength. [Use my **abilities** for God]

Jeremiah 29:13 MSG

“When you come looking for me, you’ll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else”

Discussion Questions

- What do you value most? What do you ascribe the most worth to? (In other words, what gets most of your time? Money? Attention?) Do these things take priority over God?
- Are you more expressive at the ball game than you are at worshipping God?
- What is the greatest command in all of scripture? Mark 12:28-30
- Do you regularly express your affection to God? Do you focus your attention on God? Do you use your abilities for God?

Prayer Focus

Father, thank You for making me with such a beautiful and wonderful design. I pray that my thoughts and praise would be about what is true, right, and pure. That my life would reflect a heart of worship and that my focus, priorities, and abilities would be set on You. I worship You and trust You with my life. In Your name, Amen.

Next Steps

We were **made** to worship. Whether you realize it or not, you are worshipping something. Follow the trail. Where do we spend our time, money, and attention? Take time to evaluate where your time and resources are going. Ask yourself, is it God-honoring? – And if not, Challenge yourself. Get in the Word. Get into prayer. Dedicate your life to worshipping Him. Re-evaluate and re-align your priorities with a God First mentality!