

WORSHIP, PART 3

Preparing Ourselves for Worship
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1. We need to address the condition of our _____ hearts _____.
Proverbs 4:23, Isaiah 29:13, 1 Corinthians 11:28
2. We need to identify what _____ distracts _____ us.
Luke 10:40
3. We must have the right _____ focus _____ in order to fully worship Him.
Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8

4 STEPS TO PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP - *Hebrews 10:22*

1. Sincere Heart

Reduce/Remove Distractions: Turn off the TV, radio, cell phone, and avoid arguments or foolish conversations before engaging in worship.

2. Assured Heart

Tell God how great He is and how grateful you are for Him, knowing He fully accepts your worship.

3. Humble Heart

Remember that you are unworthy to be in His presence but can draw near because of what Christ has done on your behalf.

4. Clean Heart

Confess sin that has been revealed in your life and ask God if anything else needs to be addressed before engaging in worship.

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Answer these questions and discuss in your group this week:

1. Read Isaiah 29:13 together as a group. What does inauthentic worship look like according to this passage? How do you see this in the church and in your own personal life? Discuss how this needs to be corrected and why.
2. Read Isaiah 31 together as a group. There was a specific problem that Israel was dealing with in the context. What is the cross-cultural theme that you can see? What are the things we use to distract us from running toward the glory of God?
3. Read Isaiah 53 together as a group. What are the elements that Isaiah discusses here pertaining to the future Messiah? How do the attributes of this coming Messiah transition our focus from the world and idolatry back to the Lord?

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READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR.
Don't forget to Read, Reflect and Respond.

MON - Exodus 19-21
TUES - Exodus 22-24
WED - Exodus 25-27
THU - Exodus 28-29

FRI - Exodus 30-32
SAT - Exodus 33-35
SUN - Exodus 36-38