

SERMON NOTES

August 8 & 9, 2026

Why Worship?

Ephesians 5:19-20

1. _____ someone or something.

2. We are continually worshipping things that _____.

Word Study

Worship – “Weorscip” (Old English) - _____

3. Worship is our _____ for who He is and what He has done. **Proverbs 9:10**
Psalms 147:11 | Psalm 130:4

4. _____ is to worship, but to worship God is _____.

Word Study

Work (Genesis 2:15) “Avodah” (Hebrew) – _____

5. Worshipping God through song: **Ephesians 5:19-20**

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Revelation 4:8

- _____ God **Psalm 100:1-2 | Zephaniah 3:17 | Psalm 19:1 | Isaiah 55:12 | Revelation 4:8**

Life Steps

Why Worship? | August 10-16, 2026

Monday

Revelation 4:11

Reflect: Think about a moment you experienced something so beautiful or awe-inspiring that you couldn't help but respond. Maybe it was a sunset, a song, even the birth of a child. That natural response is a hint at what worship was meant to be. What gets in the way of you freely responding to God in that way? When has worship felt awkward and when has it felt real?

Prayer: God, you alone are worthy of all my worship. Set me free from the distractions and false idols that prevent me from worshipping you with my whole being. (Spend some time praying for our teachers who will be used by God to shape young lives in the upcoming school year.)

Tuesday

Psalms 147

Reflect: Reflect on the character of God, who God really is, His humility and love, for example. Ask Him to help you see Him clearly so your worship flows more naturally.

Prayer: God, you alone are worthy of all my worship. Help me to see clearly your beauty, your humility, and your endless love. (Spend some time praying for families who have children starting school this week.)

Wednesday

Ephesians 5:19

Reflect: Reframe your understanding of worship. Wherever you are, worship is not a performance. It is a heart response. Try singing, praying, or simply sitting in awe before God. Make it personal, not performative. How can you make today a whole day of worship? Start right now.

Prayer: God, you alone are worthy of all my worship. I dedicate my whole day to celebrating who you are and what you have done in my life. (Spend some time praying for our schools and those who have the responsibility of ensuring they have a safe place to learn and grow.)

Thursday

Psalms 29:2

Reflect: Worship is often described as "worth-ship," giving God what He is due. How does that definition reshape how you think about worship beyond just singing?

Prayer: God, you alone are worthy of all my worship. (Worship God in the silence.)

Friday

Psalms 147:1 | James 5:13

Reflect: Singing can feel vulnerable, like a public display of affection. Why do you think God invites us into such vulnerable worship? What does it reveal about God's love for us?

Prayer: God, you alone are worthy of all my worship. Stir in me a response that is more than words but a life that is open and a heart that is fully surrendered.

Saturday

Acts 2:46-47

Reflect: Worship is both deeply personal and beautifully communal. Encourage someone else through a text of gratitude, a shared worship song, or simply worshipping God together. Text someone right now and let them know you are looking forward to worshipping with them tonight or Sunday morning.

Prayer: God, you alone are worthy of all my worship. Teach me to worship not out of duty, but out of a deep, deep desire to know you more and to bless others as we worship you together.

Sunday

2 Samuel 6:14-15, 22a

Reflect: Like David, decide right now to worship God with your whole self today, not just with your voice or intellect, but your whole heart. What would it look like for you to worship God with your whole heart? Remember, worship is worth looking "undignified" for God.

Prayer: God, you alone are worthy of all my worship. Thank you for singing over me. Set me free to sing over you in private and in public as my response of gratitude for all you have done.