

Developing a Worship Vocabulary

The word "worship" is used about 185 times in the Bible.

Corporate worship is not so much ***an event***, whatever Time Life Magazine may tout; it is ***a journey*** into His presence. Corporate Worship is our ***journey together*** to know Him.

As we continue our look into the dynamics of corporate worship, I'd like to suggest that you consider four synonyms that may help in the understanding of the word "Worship".

First, how would you define the word Worship?

In many places worship means we're going to sing really cool songs for approximately 20-25 minutes. If you did that in a bar they would call it Karaoke.

To do well on this journey of worship we need to develop a worship vocabulary.

These vocabulary words are selected to intentionally draw our attention away from ourselves and fix our attention on the one we worship.

WORSHIP SYNONYMS (Words having nearly the same meaning.)

- ***Veneration***; to set above, put on a pedestal, esteem as highest.
To confer Preeminence, Majesty, Resplendence and Superiority.

Dan 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

2:21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

2:22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Col: 1:15-18 He is the image of the invisible God...

Adoration; An excessive attachment, * unassailable loyalty (*my personal definition).

John 1:14 And we beheld his ***glory***...full of ***grace***
(Divine influence, benefit, favor, liberality, pleasure)
and truth (truly, verity).

Marriages dissolve w/o unassailable loyalty.

Marriages thrive when adoration is present.

- ***Reverence***; Deep admiration, Profound Respect. Rom 11:36 O' the depth of the riches...
- ***Love***; The emotion that animates us toward someone or something of which we are particularly fond.

1John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given
unto us that we should be called the children of God.

Our worship is in direct response to ***his love***. ***His love*** animates us, that is, causes us to take action, toward Him.

We will discuss these synonyms for worship more fully in our next installment.

Worshiping Him,
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