



We were created for worship???

But what if I can't sing?? How can I worship...

Worship over time has been turned into something so much smaller than what it really is. People believe that singing is the only form of worship we can give to God, but we read in 1 Peter 4:11 that it is so much more than "just singing".

If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

Amen. (1 Peter 4:11)

Dan Fleming will lead us this week and teach us how to worship through prayer.

Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much

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Group Study Questions

1. Have each person in the group describe their passion in life. Give them only 2 minutes and let them try and inspire you to be passionate about it.
2. Read Exodus 20:3. What have you knowingly or unknowingly placed in front of God? How did that affect your life? How did that affect your relationship with God?
3. Read Romans 12:1. How can you (individually and as a group) offer your bodies as living sacrifices?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18. In what circumstances do you find it hard to give thanks? How can you make a conscience effort to give thanks in all circumstances?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:11. When you think about speaking as if God spoke, how does that change what you may say and what others may hear?

Daily Prayer Guide

Each day this week spend some time reviewing your previous day using the acronym ACTS as a guide for your prayers. Write down your thoughts.

A – Adoration

How did God reveal Himself to you yesterday?

C – Confession

What happened yesterday that you would like to confess and ask for forgiveness?

T – Thanksgiving

What happened yesterday that you want to thank God for?

S – Supplication

What needs did God meet yesterday for you and your family?

Day 1 -

Day 2 -

Day 3 -

Day 4 -

Day 5 -

DAY 6 -

Day 7 -

Story of Inspiration: Ice Cream Prayer

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is great and God is Good. Let us thank Him for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart."

Then in theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already."