

Worship: Responding to God's Worth

I. Background

- A. The Ark: what was it?
- B. The Ark: where was it?
- C. David becomes king

II. Our Story

- A. David tries to bring the Ark to Jerusalem
- B. David finally brings the Ark to Jerusalem
- C. David dances - undignified? - before the Lord

III. Worship Part 1: Common Actions & Church

- A. A definition: Worship is responding to God's worth.
- B. Common actions
 - 1. Standing (Nehemiah 9:5)
 - 2. Singing (Psalm 100:1-2)
 - 3. Clapping (Psalm 47:1)
 - 4. Raising hands (Psalm 134:2)
 - 5. Kneeling/bowing (Psalm 95:6)
 - 6. Dancing (Psalm 149:3)
 - 7. All of the above (Psalm 150)
- C. Different people may have different expressions

IV. Worship Part 2: The Other 99.6% of Your Life

- A. God's heart: recognize I am worthy of all you have
 - 1. Worship is not about you; it's about Him
 - 2. He wants us to find our joy, peace, amazement – everything – in Him.
- B. Romans 12:1,2 - you are to offer yourself as living sacrifices; be transformed; this is worship
- C. Revelations 5:11,12 - Jesus is worthy of
 - 1. Power - control over me
 - 2. Wealth - all of my finances
 - 3. Wisdom - all of my mind and decision making
 - 4. Strength - anything I do physically
 - 5. Honor - all my respect and deference
 - 6. Glory - who I point other's attention toward
 - 7. Praise - who I personally give credit to
- D. Are you holding back? What more does God need to be fully worthy?

V. Worship Part 3: When You Don't Feel Like It

- A. Pain, suffering, disappointment are real; they may hinder certain forms of worship
- B. The Psalmist's response: talk to God about it and recognize it as worship.

VI. Final Questions

- A. What is something about God you find awesome?
- B. What is God asking me to do, but I'm scared of what others might think?
- C. What does God lack that keeps Him from being fully worthy?