LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD

The Church In Worship
1 Cor 9:24-27

What Should Be
- God
- Family
- Work
- Church
- Other (Rec, Sports, Celebration)

What Is
- Church
- Family
- Work
- Other

(SPORTS)
THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP

Worshipping Weekly
Gathering in a Group
Serving on a Ministry Team
Living on Mission
Giving Generously
Multiplying
Worship In The New Testament

Usually Descriptive Vs Prescriptive
Often Described Vs Never Defined
Corrected Vs Communicated
Three Essential Elements Of Worship

1 Corinthians 14

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Worship Is Primarily About Exalting, Honoring and Declaring The Glory and Worth of God

“...fall down and worship God...” 14:25

3 Primary Words for Worship
1. To do reverence to adore; to exalt
2. To feel awe or devotion; to honor
3. To serve or to render religious service
Worship Is Also About Self!!

“...everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.” 1 Cor 14:3-4

3 Ways We Are Built Up

1. Strengthening
2. Encouragement
3. Comfort
Worship Includes A Sensitivity To Others

But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!“ 1Cor 14:24

~Paul assumes unbelievers are present and we care!
~Paul assumes they are watching with an open heart
~Paul assumes they will be drawn to God by authentic worship
Worship Includes A Sensitivity To Others

When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. 14:26

~Paul tells us to focus on others not ourselves
~Paul tells us to offer what we have (gift) to the body
~Paul tells us whatever we do...we do for others!
How To Rearrange Your Worship "Is" To "Should!"

• *Forget the EXPERIENCE* and Focus on and *ENCOUNTER* with God
• *Prioritize God* not personal benefit
• *Get beyond yourself*
• *Cultivate good worship habits*