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• Worshipping Weekly
• Gathering In A Group
• Serving On A Ministry Team
• Living On Mission
• Giving Generously
• Sharing Near and Far
The Biblical Purposes of Worship:

- Worship helps us declare the worth of God

  “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.”

  1 Chronicles 16:29

Worship: to declare the worth of; to prostrate oneself before; to honor or adore; to exalt and uplift
The Biblical Purposes of Worship:

- Worship helps us be more like Jesus
  
  “Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.”

  Luke 4:16

  3 Habits of Jesus

  ~Went off alone to pray
  ~Preached and taught the people
  ~Went to worship @ synagogue
The Biblical Purposes of Worship:

- Worship puts us in the most likely place to encounter God

  “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.”

  Isaiah 6:1
The Biblical Purposes of Worship:

• Worship helps us start our week with the right perspective

“On the first day of every week...”

1 Cor 16:2
The Biblical Purposes of Worship:

• Worship keeps us from straying too far spiritually
  “Woe to me!” I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Isaiah 6:5

~Isaiah saw God...
~Isaiah saw himself...
The People Of Worship:

- **God:** The Father is the focus of worship
  The Son enables worship
  The Spirit empowers worship
- **Congregation:** We are the participants/"actors"
- **World:** Are witnesses (1 Cor 14:24)
The Principles Of Worship:

• Worship weekly unless providentially hindered

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching”

Heb 10:25
The Principles Of Worship:

• Rehearse all that God has done for you

“On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”

Acts 14:27
The Principles Of Worship:

• Bring something personal and individual as an offering to God

“What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction…”

1Cor 14:26
Questions for Today…

• What was your purpose in coming to worship today?

• What part are you “playing” in worship?

• Are your worship habits healthy and biblical?