

DAY THREE

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Psalms 103:1 – Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Perhaps the simplest way of describing worship is this: it's the "total adoring response of men to the one, self-revealed Eternal God."³

This is a great understanding of worship because it reminds us that, yes, worship IS personal and passionate. And yes, it does include music, but it also includes the adoring response of all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And this goes far beyond music!

This understanding of worship also reminds us of the high importance of the Word of God. It is through His Word that God consistently self-reveals the vast depths of who He is and the love He has for His children.

One last thing that is great about this definition of worship is that it includes the word "men" – as in "men and women," plural (Luke 2:37 and John 4:21-24). This is important because while worship can be an intimate response of the created to its Creator, there is something special, and something dear to the heart of God when we come together as a larger body of people to worship and experience the living Christ.

"God is trying to call us back to that for which He created us: to worship Him and enjoy Him forever."

– A.W. Tozer⁴

REFLECTION

What do you agree and/or disagree with in today's reading?

Do your personal preferences influence your choice to worship with your church family? Explain.

EPHESIANS 4:7-16

Grab your Bible and open to today's reading. Use the PRAY and HEAR tools as you spend time in the Word.

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Take a moment and use the PRAY tool to respond in prayer.