



Worship as Formation

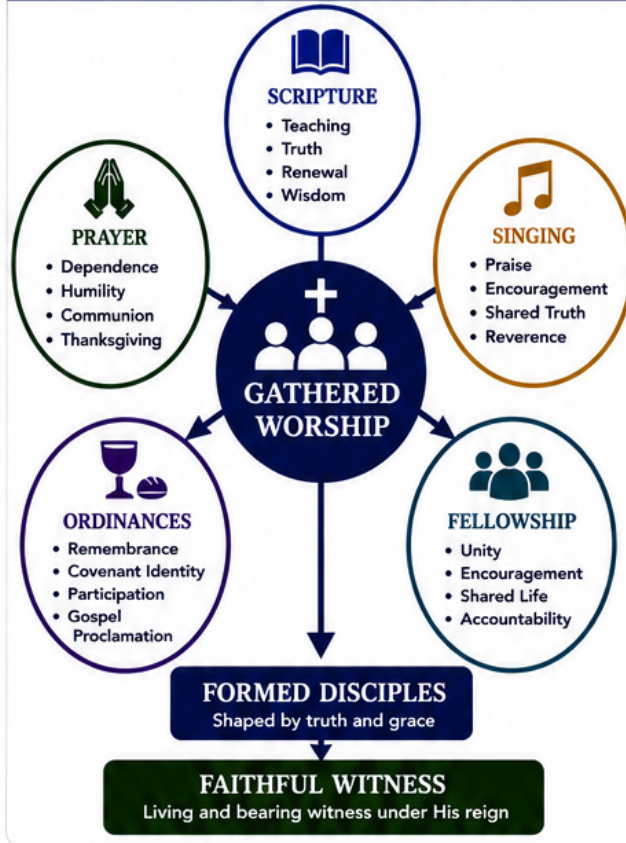
Christ Shapes His People Through Gathered Worship

Biblical worship is more than music preference or emotional experience. Through gathered worship, Christ forms His people through Scripture, prayer, singing, preaching, ordinances, fellowship, reverence, and truth so they may grow into faithful Kingdom citizens.

ENTERTAINMENT VS FORMATIVE WORSHIP

ENTERTAINMENT MODEL	BIBLICAL WORSHIP
Audience-Oriented	Christ-Centered
Consumption	Participation
Performance	Reverence
Emotional Stimulation	Spiritual Formation
Preference-Driven	Truth-Driven
Passive Spectators	Active Worshipers

HOW WORSHIP FORMS THE CHURCH



KEY SCRIPTURES

Romans 12:1-2
 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice... And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Colossians 3:16
 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Acts 2:42
 "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Hebrews 12:28
 "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Psalms 95:1-7
 "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

WORSHIP → FORMATION → MISSION



QUICK COMPARISON

ASPECT	BIBLICAL WORSHIP
Center	Christ
Purpose	Formation and worship
Participation	Congregational and embodied
Result	Spiritual maturity
Identity	Covenant people
Mission	Witness shaped by worship

★ KEY TRUTHS

- ✓ Worship shapes believers spiritually.
- ✓ Biblical worship is participatory.
- ✓ Truth and reverence belong together.
- ✓ Worship forms Kingdom identity.
- ✓ Gathered worship strengthens witness.
- ✓ Christ forms His people through worship.



THE BOTTOM LINE

The church gathers not merely to consume religious experiences, but to worship Christ together and be formed by His truth into faithful disciples who live and bear witness under His reign.



TEACHER NOTE

Use this handout to help learners understand that worship is formative, not merely expressive. Emphasize how gathered worship shapes identity, holiness, discipleship, and faithful witness within the church.