



Worship as Formation

Christ Shapes His People Through Gathered Worship

Biblical worship is not merely emotional expression or religious performance. Through gathered worship, Christ forms His people through Scripture, prayer, singing, preaching, ordinances, reverence, confession, fellowship, and truth so they may grow into faithful disciples and citizens of His Kingdom.

ENTERTAINMENT VS FORMATIVE WORSHIP

| ENTERTAINMENT MODEL | FORMATIVE WORSHIP |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Audience-Oriented | Christ-Centered |
| Consumption | Participation |
| Emotional Manipulation | Truth and Reverence |
| Performance | Worship |
| Passive Spectators | Active Congregation |
| Preference-Driven | Formation-Driven |

True worship is not about entertaining people, but about encountering God and being formed by His truth.

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, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 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."

HOW WORSHIP SHAPES BELIEVERS



QUICK COMPARISON

| ASPECT | FORMATIVE WORSHIP |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Center | Christ |
| Purpose | Spiritual formation |
| Participation | Congregational |
| Focus | Truth and reverence |
| Result | Mature disciples |
| Witness | Kingdom identity |

★ KEY TRUTHS

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

THE BIBLICAL PICTURE



THE BOTTOM LINE

Christ gathers His people not merely to consume religious experiences, but to worship Him together and be shaped 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 forms believers spiritually. Emphasize how Scripture, prayer, singing, ordinances, fellowship, reverence, and truth shape Christian identity and faithful Kingdom living.