



KINGDOM CULTURE VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

WEEK FIVE

Teaching Video Transcript | Week 5: Kingdom Culture Adores God

What's the most important thing in your life? Where do you focus most of your time? After your normal living expenses like food, shelter and health, where do you spend the bulk of your discretionary dollars? Is there some non-negotiable creed that you live your life by? What is it?

This week we are talking about worship. I appreciate these insights from Pastor Louie Giglio who writes:

"Every day, all day long, in every place, you worship. It's what you do. It's who you are. We are all worshippers, created to bring pleasure and honor to the God who made us. You may not consider yourself a "worshiping" kind of person, but you cannot help but worship... something. It's what you were made to do. Should you for some reason choose not to give God but he desires, do you worship anything – simply exchanging the creator for something he has created. Think of it this way: worship is simply about value. The simplest definition I can give is this: worship is our response to what we value most. That's why worship is that thing we all do. It's what we're all about on any given day. Worship is about saying, "This person, this thing, this experience (this whatever) is what matters most to me... it's the thing of highest value in my life."¹

So what are you worshipping? Christ-followers are worshippers of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. But it's not a casual kind of worship like we are known to attribute to another person or thing; no, Christian worship of God is different. Christian worship is the adoration of God, loving God with all of our being. Worshipping God with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength. And in fact Jesus said the greatest command for followers of God was to Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind... (Luke 10:27, NIV)

Worship leader Matt Redman tells the story of how he wrote the song *The Heart of Worship*. The song was written in 1997 and it came out of a season of spiritual apathy in his church. He writes: ""There was a dynamic missing, so the pastor did a pretty brave thing," he recalls. "He decided to get rid of the sound system and band for a season, and we gathered together with just our voices. His point was that we'd lost our way in worship, and the way to get back to the heart would be to strip everything away." Reminding his church family to be producers (of) worship, not just consumers (of worship), the pastor... asked, "When you come through the doors on a Sunday, what are you bringing as your offering to God?" (So worship became songs sung and prayers prayed without instrumental accompaniment.) ""Before long, we reintroduced the musicians and sound system, as we'd gained a new perspective that worship is all about Jesus, and He commands a response in the depths of our souls no matter what the circumstance and setting." Out of that experience the song was written which gets at what worship is all about. Part of the songs says: *When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come / Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart... / I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, Jesus...*²

When I first heard that song I was convicted by the lyrics because my worship of God, whether it's with the congregation on Sunday morning or in my personal devotion time, can become consumeristic, shallow, and even non-existent. That song is a reminder to worship the Lord above all things, in everything I do.

A careful reading of the Bible will reveal people worshipping the Lord not just in a corporate worship setting, but in their everyday lives. In the culture of the Kingdom of God worship isn't just singing for a few minutes at a weekly church service, worship is living our lives in way that values God above all other people and things.

When David became King of Israel one of the first things he does is conquer the city of Jerusalem and make it his home. The next thing he decides to do is bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. The Ark of the Covenant held, among other things, the two stone tablets that The Ten Commandments were written on, which represented God's covenant with Israel. (Hebrews 9:4) And the Ark was a reminder of God's presence, so of course King David is excited to bring the Ark of the Covenant to his new hometown. So as the Ark was moved to Jerusalem, David and all of Israel began to worship God with shouts of praise and music

and sacrifices and David began to dance before the Lord with all his might. (2 Samuel 6:14) His dancing embarrassed his wife and she said it was vulgar; to which David says he will worship the Lord even if it means being undignified and humiliated. (2 Sam 6:22)

In the book named after him we see Job endure a complete devastation of his wealth, family and health, and yet despite his catastrophic losses he chooses to worship God. (Job 1:21)

In the sixth chapter of Isaiah he talks about a vision of worshipping God in heaven that was so real, and so intense, that from that worship experience he understood God was calling him to be a prophet of the Lord. (Isaiah 6) This happened in his life on an otherwise unremarkable time that is only remembered that it happened in the year King Uzziah died.

Daniel the prophet and his friends despite being abducted and taken far away from their home continue to worship God even when their lives are threatened. (Daniel 3:8-30, 6:1-28)

In the Gospels when Jesus was invited to dinner at a pharisee's home an uninvited guest showed up and began to worship Jesus by washing his feet and anointing him with perfume. (Luke 7:36-50) One day when Jesus was at the Temple he pointed out to his disciples how people were worshipping God by giving their financial offerings to God and of all the worshippers he points out a poor widow who gave all she had. (Luke 21:1-4) When the Apostle Paul and his companion Silas were arrested and thrown in prison they didn't worry instead they started worshipping. (Acts 16:25)

Throughout the Bible we see people worshipping God in their words and actions as they go through their daily lives. And occasionally we see them in corporate worship settings like we see in the book of Revelation. (Revelation 5: 8-14) Everyone worships something. But in the culture of the kingdom worship is if only for God and it's how we live our lives every day with and for God. So go out and worship God!

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¹Louie Giglio, *The Air I Breathe*, Multnomah, © 2003, pp.9-10

²<https://www.crosswalk.com/church/worship/song-story-matt-redmans-the-heart-of-worship-1253122.html>

