

THE LIVING CHURCH
“A Worshiping Church”
Acts 2:42

Main Point: Five marks of a worshiping church.

Introduction

- How would you define worship?

- What other components are included as a part of worship beside singing/music?

Understanding

1. Worship should be Balanced. Read Acts 2:42-43, 46.

- a. How are breaking of bread and prayer (v. 42) a part of worship?

- b. Balanced worship is both formal and informal. Define each.
 - i. Formal Worship

 - ii. Informal Worship

- c. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “fear of God” (v. 43)?

- d. How is worship both joyful and reverential?

e. What does Psalm 95:1 teach us about worship?

2. Worship should be Biblical. Read Acts 2:42.

a. What is biblical worship?

b. Explain the two parts of biblical worship mentioned in John 4:24.

c. How does Paul describe worshipping God with intelligence in Acts 17:22-25?

d. What does it mean to worship God with our mind, emotions and will?

3. Worship should be Congregational. Read Acts 2:42, 47.

a. What can we learn about congregational worship from the following verses?

i. Psalm 149:1

ii. Ephesians 5:18-21

b. Refer to Hebrews 10:24-25 and describe why it is important to gather together corporately to worship the Lord?

4. Worship should be Spiritual. Read Acts 2:47.

- a. Read John 4:20-24. What can we learn about worship not being about a place or position?

- b. How is spiritual worship described in Romans 12:1?

- c. Can we worship without the Holy Spirit? Refer to Romans 8:26-27?

5. Worship is Transformative.

- a. According to 2 Corinthians 3:18, what happens when we encounter God's glory?

- b. Why does Samuel say in 1 Samuel 15:22-23 that obedience is better than sacrifice?

Application

- Refer to Isaiah 6:1-8. Why is worship without holiness hateful to God?