

Worship – “Fire”
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ONE Challenge: Make disciples - Matthew 28:19

Two Lives: One on One Discipling – 2 Timothy 2:2; Eccl. 4:9

“**Disciple**” – knowing, loving & following Jesus.

Discipling Equipment: www.ss.pd

Word, Witness, **Worship**, Service, Stewardship,
Prayer, and Discipleship

Vision: *Imagine ONE life restored eternally, growing
spiritually and reaching ONE more!*

Who’s your ONE?

Leviticus 6:13 “*The fire must be kept burning on the
altar continuously; it must not go out.*”

1 Thessalonians 5:19 “*Do not put out the Spirit's fire.*”

Heb. 12:28-29 “*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom
that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so
worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for
our God is a consuming fire.*”

A. Worship - Expressing God’s “worth.”

Hebrew and Greek terms mean to honor, bow, kiss the
King’s hand, etc. To fully submit, to serve sacrificially,
to honor Him in EVERY area of our life!

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; worship
the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.* 1 Chr. 16:28-29

“Our grateful response to God’s great revelation.”

B. God is seeking “worshippers” – Jn. 4:23-24 “*Yet a time is
coming and has now come when the true worshippers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind
of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his
worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.*”

1. Worship in “spirit” – with reborn hearts (emotions)
by the power of the Holy Spirit within.

2. Worship in “truth” – with renewed minds
(thoughts) based on the truth of His Word.

3. Worship as a lifestyle: 24/7 – Rom. 12:1-2

* **God created us to BE worshippers!**

**C. Why worship by singing? *Singing is one of God’s gifts to
keep our spirits intimately connected with his.***

*Keep the spiritual “fire” burning!

D. Why does the Bible command us to sing together?

(over 30 times) Ps. 33:1 *Sing joyfully to the LORD...*

1. God Sings – Ps. 32:7; 42:8

Zephaniah 3:17 *“He will quiet you with his love. He
will rejoice over you with singing.”*

2. Singing revives our emotions. Ps. 5:11

Ja. 5:13 *“Happy? Sing songs of praise.”*

3. Singing teaches truth - Col. 3:16 *“Let the word of
Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish
one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms,
hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your
hearts to God.”*

4. Singing renews our spirit - 1 Cor. 14:15 *“I will
sing with my spirit but I will also sing with my mind.”*

5. Singing encourages others - Ephes. 5:19 *“Speak to
one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.”*

6. Singing is a part of heavenly worship – Rev. 5:9
Song of the Lamb sung continually around the throne.

E. Obstacles To Corporate Worship Singing: (self-pride)

1. “Performance” factor – others are listening.

*But we sing for an “Audience of One.”

(Kierkegaard)

2. **“Talent” factor** – musical training and/or talent.
*But God looks at the heart. 1 Sam. 16:7
3. **“Cool factor”** - fear of what other’s opinion.
*But we fear God, not man. Prov. 29:25
4. **“Control” factor** – maintain emotional control.
*God’s presence has always evoked an emotional response (weeping, laughing, shouting, etc.)
5. **“Musical style” factor** – personal preference.
*But the Bible says “sing.”
6. **“Cross” factor** – we’ve lost sight of God’s great love and sacrifice for us on the cross!

The greatest reason to worship in song is Christ’s redeeming death and resurrection. So SING!

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.” Heb. 10:25

F. Examples of Songs in Scripture (not a complete listing)

Song of Victory – 1 Sam. 18:6 (David’s victories)
 Song of Praise – 1 Chron. 15 (David appoints singers for Tabernacle to sing 24/7)
 Song of Confession – Ps. 51
 Song of Battle – 2 Chron. 20
 Song of Lament – 2 Chron. 35:25
 Song of Fruitfulness – Is. 54:1
 Song of Freedom – Acts 16
 Song of Scripture - Ps. 119:54
 Songs of Thankfulness – Jer. 30:19
 Songs of Prophecy – Lk. 1:67
 Song of the Lamb – Rev. 15:3
 Songs of Deliverance - Ex. 15:1ff
 Songs of Ransom/Redemption - Is. 35:10 *...and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing.”*