

Not First #7:  
**WORSHIP**

*Word*

**Scripture Reference**

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

**Discussion Questions**

1. What motivates you to come to church to worship God?
2. Worship is expressing adoration for Who God is and thanksgiving for what He has done. It is about the Living God, not you. What does the Bible teach about the discipline of worship? Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-20. King David wanted to build a temple for God, but gave that privilege to David's son, Solomon. David, however, sincerely wished to participate in the building of the temple, and so the Lord tasked him with the gathering of materials needed for its construction. It was not a job that others might not be enthusiastic about, but David did it with so much joy. How would you feel if you wanted to be in charge of a certain project--and you know you can do a great job--but was tasked to simply be an assistant? How will you take the task given to you?
3. Note that in verses 10-13, David demonstrates a very important principle about the spiritual discipline of worship: David recognized who God is, acknowledging God's presence from eternity past to eternity future (v. 10) and that all greatness and power belong to God (v. 11), worshipping God for what He has done (v. 12), and giving thanks and praising God's name (v. 13). Who God is and what He has done is far, far greater than we could ever understand, yet because of His grace He does wonderful things even to ordinary people like you and me. Share how you feel that nobody can really explain who God is apart

from what He revealed about Himself in the scriptures. Could you take any credit for God's power and greatness? Discuss your attitude and how you should respond when you think of God's awesomeness--that everything in heaven and on earth belong to Him. Share one or two things He has done for you these last few days.

4. From the passage we also draw out six expressions of worship--how we respond to who God is and what He has done:
  - a. **Giving (v. 14-15).** David said that God has given him the privilege of giving back to Him the materials for the temple. He considered it an honor to give back to God what actually were God's already. What are the things that you give to God as an act of worship? Discuss why expecting the recipient of your giving to be eternally grateful to you is wrong. How is it different when you are thankful because you have something to give back to God?
  - b. **Serving (v. 16).** As an expression of their worship, many people would be involved in the building of God's temple. In what ways can you serve God in the church, in your home, or at work/school?
  - c. **Righteousness (v. 17).** The Bible teaches us that righteous living and a life of holiness is an expression of worship. David said that God is pleased and happy with upright living. Discuss what is righteous and holy living. How would your other acts of worship (like giving) be affected by the way you live your life? Would your worship be acceptable to God if your heart is full of sin? Why or why not? What should you do so that your heart's condition would prepare you to worship?
  - d. **Loyalty (v. 18).** David prayed for the people's heart to keep being loyal to God. How do you show your loyalty to God in your worship of Him? Could you show your loyalty when you worship Him yet remain so committed to the things of the world? Discuss why this is not right.
  - e. **Obedience (v. 19).** David prayed that his son Solomon would not only be loyal to God, but also be obedient to God's principles. You don't have to come to church to worship

everyday, but you can be obedient everyday as an act of worship (Romans 12:1). Why does obedience seem to be such a tall order? Share how you live a life of obedience.

- f. *Words (v. 20)*. David concluded by encouraging all the people to worship God through their words. Words reflect is in someone's heart. How do you worship God in words? What do you actually tell Him in your worship?

### *Walk*

Your worship is a reflection of your understanding of who God is and what He has done for you. It begins in your heart with righteous living, loyalty, and obedience, and is expressed outwardly through words, giving, and service. How does your worship look like? What inner condition of your heart does your outward expression of worship reflect?

### *Worship & Prayer*

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me what worship should be all about. You deserve to be worshipped because of who You are and what you have done in my life. Forgive me if I come to church to worship You with an unprepared, uncleansed heart that it is unacceptable to You because of the sins I have committed against You. Lord, please help me to be constantly reminded of how I should worship you. Search my heart and cleanse me from within, so that how I outwardly express my worship may be acceptable to You. May Your Name be praised and may I be humble in my worship of You. In Jesus' name. Amen.