

WORSHIP

OUR WORSHIP

It can be said that Mosaic is a family of worshipers. When we gather on Saturdays, it is not just “to worship,” as if this is the only time we worship. But instead, we gather “as worshipers,” as those who have been worshipping and are now gathered to experience worship together as a family. We will talk more about these gatherings, but first, let’s examine what we mean by worship.

What comes to mind when you hear the word “worship”?

We begin with one fundamental fact about worship: at this very moment, and for as long as this world endures, everybody inhabiting it is bowing down and serving something or someone – an artifact, a person, an institution, an idea, a spirit, or God through Christ.

- Harold Best (Unceasing Worship)

We are born worshipping, and we never stop. The focus of our worship can change, but we can’t shut worship off. It’s hardwired into us. So the question is not if you are worshipping, but “who or what are you worshipping and is that person or thing worthy of it?” What or who is our Creator God’s intended target for our worship? Let’s look at how He designed it to work, so we can enjoy the life of true worship He invites us into.

God Is Seeking True Worshipers

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

John 4:23

Why is God “seeking” worshipers?

How are these “true worshipers” described?

What does it mean to worship in the Spirit and in Truth?

True Worship Is God-Centered

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 11:36

Everything was made by Him, through Him, and for Him. True worship is initiated by His grace, done in and through His Spirit and truth, and directed toward Him. God is at the center of it all.

True Worship Is Spirit-Empowered

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

Worship is first and foremost an inward reality, and you must have the Spirit of God to worship God rightly.

True Worship Is Christ-Exalting

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:3

True worship is directed toward Jesus, the Truth. The Spirit's job is to lift up Jesus. So, true worship is about exalting Jesus in and through the Spirit's power, all to the glory of God the Father.

The Heart of True Worship Is Treasuring Jesus

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain... whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 1:20-21, 3:7-11

We long for and cherish who or what we worship.

True Worship Finds Holistic Expression

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1

We praise and serve who or what we worship.

MOSAIC WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Experiencing the empowering presence of Christ

We come together every Saturday night because we believe that it is an important part of the rhythm of living as a family of believers. We gather to remember and revel in the Gospel of grace through faith in Jesus (our new identity as a result of His work) and the calling He's given us (to make disciples as we love Him and others in and through community).

As we gather on Saturday nights, we desire to worship in the Spirit and in Truth proclaiming the Gospel and praising God in everything we say and do—teaching, singing, prayer, communion, baptism, and sharing changed-life stories. Some things you will notice about these gatherings is that we have different worship leaders, teams, and teachers. This is because we value shared leadership and want to avoid focusing on a single personality. Regardless of who is leading, the core values we hold for worship at Mosaic are always the same.