

• Worship is an opportunity to <u>connect</u> with <u>God</u>.

9 Worship GOD if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness. Psalm 34:9 (MSG)

Worship is a <u>response</u> to God.

2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:2-5 (NIV)

33 <u>I will sing</u> to the LORD as long <u>as I live</u>. <u>I will praise my God to my last breath</u>! Psalm 104:33 (NLT)

All you saints! Sing your hearts out to GOD! Thank him to his face! Psalm 30:4 (MSG)

• Worship is an expression of your <u>love</u> to God.

And what the lyrics are encouraging us to do is:

• In this moment I choose to fully **<u>surrender</u>** myself to God.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. Psalm 139:23-24

Definition: Surrender

To cease resisting, to give up or hand over, to abandon oneself entirely to another.

Give yourselves to God... surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes." Romans 6:13

• Every time we **surrender** our lives it's an act of worship.

Friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to <u>surrender yourselves to God</u> to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship. Romans 12:1

• I will not allow the **<u>bad</u>** or the **<u>good</u>** in my life to hinder my surrender to God.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

 It's not what happens to me but what happens in me that defines me. Jesus said, "If? There are no 'ifs' among believers. Anything can happen." No sooner were the words out of his mouth than the father cried, "Then I believe. Help me with my doubts!" Mark 9:23-24

 I will not allow my lack of <u>understanding</u> about God to define my <u>faith</u> in God.

When we make room for God:

• We're willing to learn to accept God's love for us.

...may you be able to feel and understand, <u>as all God's children should</u>, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself. Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB)

• We're willing to learn to accept what God wants to do in us.

For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers. Romans 8:29 (TLB)

May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together - spirit, soul, and body - and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

We're willing to learn to accept how God wants to use us.

Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you... Jeremiah 1:4

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1_Peter 4:10

VISI

TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- · How does worship express our love to God? Why is this important?
- · How would you define being fully surrendered to God?
- Did the Song "Make Room" help you connect with God on Sunday? (BTW It has nothing to do with whether we liked the song or not)
- · How is surrender an act of worship?
- The lyrics in the song say: "Here Is where I lay it down, every burden every crown", How does laying down the good and bad express surrender?
- The lyrics also said: "Here is where I lay it down, every lie and every doubt"... What does this mean to us? How do we allow our lack of understanding about God to limit our faith in God?
- · How do we make room for God? (Hint: get rid of our agenda)
- How does learning to accept God's love for us make room for God?
- · How does learning to accept what God wants to do in us make room for God?
- How does learning to accept how God wants to use us make room for God?

For more Talks, visit us at: fresnoquest.com







If you serve in our children's or student ministries, or if you plan to, please be with us on Oct. 15th so you can be fingerprinted and have a background check done. All children's and youth volunteers MUST have a live scan background check to serve our kid's at The Quest.

Saturday, Oct. 15th 9am here at The Quest



Doing life together

Today's Talk..



"Make Room"



fresnoquest.com