

## Trait # 4 TIME OUT FOR WORSHIP

### THE HEART OF WORSHIP

*Giving God His Due – Taking time out to honor God as God.*

### TWO SIDES OF WORSHIP

- Personal* worship and *corporate* worship.  
Romans 12:1-2/ Hebrews 10:24-25

### TWO REQUIREMENTS OF WORSHIP *What God Wants & What God Despises*

- God wants us to worship Him in *spirit* and in *truth*.  
John 4:23-24 & Matthew 15:8-9/ 1 Samuel 16:7 & 15:22/ Romans 1:18-32, John 8:31-32 & 17:17

### FOUR ACTS OF WORSHIP *And What They Do For Our Relationship With God*

- ❶ **PRAISE:** Reminds me *who God is*.

Psalm 150/ Proverbs 1:7/ Hebrews 11:6

- A God who should be *feared* and can be *trusted*!

- ❷ **THANKSGIVING:** Reminds me *what God has done*.

Psalm 100:3-4/ 1 Thessalonians 5:18/ Philippians 4:6-7

- I fear the *future* when I forget the *past*.

- ❸ **LISTENING:** Reveals *God's truth* & *will for my life*.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2/ James 1:22/ Acts 2:42

- ❹ **SACRIFICE:** Realigns *my priorities*.

Romans 12:1-2/ Hebrews 13:15-16/ Matthew 6:19-21

## TAKING IT HOME

1. People worship God in a variety of ways. Below are some examples of various paths of worship. Read the statements below and circle any and all the descriptions that seem to fit you.

- I worship God best outside in the middle of His creation. Everything He made points me to Him.
- I worship God creatively. I appreciate a worship service that involves all of my senses.
- I worship God by engaging my mind, studying and being stretched intellectually.
- I worship God best in a more traditional setting. I love the rich meaning behind religious ceremony, symbols and unchanging structures.
- I worship God best in solitude and simplicity. I like to draw away by myself.
- I worship God by working hard to make the world a better place. Worship and service go hand in hand.
- I worship God while I am caring for others and meeting needs.
- I worship God in quiet moments where I can ponder things in my heart and just be still.
- I worship God best while I am celebrating what He has done. There is nothing better than His church singing His praises.

Now take a minute and think about how you could incorporate *Praise*, *Thanksgiving*, *Listening*, or *Sacrifice* into your preferred worship style.

What does praising God look like for you?

What does thanking God look like for you?

Where and how do you take time out to specifically listen to God?

What does sacrificing for God look like to you?

2. Looking back at each of the four acts of worship, which of them comes most naturally to you? Which one is most difficult to practice?

3. As a result of this week's teaching and study, is there any one thing in your personal or corporate worship you need to develop further?

## Real Men Weekends

Join us for one of two Real Men Weekends - **The Oakbridge Experience**, Oct. 21-23, and **The Resort Experience at Double Tree Resort**, Oct. 29-30 (optional golf tournament). Michael Wilkins will be speaking live at Oakbridge and via video for the first three sessions and live for that last session at the Resort Experience. Space is limited so don't delay. You can sign up at the weekend services, online, or drop your registration off with the deposit at the church offices during the week. For more information, or to register, visit [www.northcoastchurch.com/events/mens\\_retreat.htm](http://www.northcoastchurch.com/events/mens_retreat.htm).

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of October 2, 2005

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## QUICK REVIEW

This week we'll explore what "time out for worship" is all about. Looking back over your sermon notes, what did you find most helpful, challenging or interesting from this week's message?

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If you could go back in time and have a conversation with anyone, who would you choose and what would you talk to them about?

2. Is there a song we sing or a thing we do at our church services that is particularly meaningful to you? What makes it meaningful?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. This week we saw that worship is not limited to some songs we sing at a weekend service. Pastor Larry pointed out that worship involves much more – and can happen in and outside of a church service. Read each passage below and jot down what particular circumstances, situation or insight brought about worship.

Exodus 4:27-31

Psalm 95:1-7

Matthew 14:22-33

Luke 2:8-20

Luke 15:8-10

Hebrews 12:28-29

2. Having an accurate understanding of God and what He has done for us enables us to worship Him in truth. 1 Chronicles 16:7-36 gives us a great picture of what that looks like. As you read this passage, write down the reasons David offers for praising and worshipping God.

Of the reasons you listed above which ones do you think people focus on the most today?

How do you think remembering this list might affect a person's perspective of God and how they live?

If our God is good and His love endures forever (verse 34), why would fear and trembling before Him be appropriate (verses 25 and 30)?

3. Some of the greatest expressions of worship were written after great loss or failures. Read Job 1:1-22. Job had just experienced enormous loss and tragedy and yet he still gave praise to God. How do you think Job was able to worship God in the midst of such heartache and pain?

Can you recall any times that you have not felt like worshipping and you went ahead and worshiped anyway? What was that experience like?

Psalm 51 is David's expression of worship to God after he had a major moral failure. What can you learn about how worship helped restore his relationship with God?