

The Worshipping Church

Part One: Introduction

Psalm 42:1-2

As the deer pants for streams of water,
So my soul pants for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

These evenings are not just about singing songs. We will be learning and imparting a desire to worship God. **A desire to know God and to meet with Him is the key to spirit filled worship of God. Without this desire to stand in His presence, worship becomes a fruitless experience.**

1 Corinthians 2.9

Paul not just speaking about our coming heavenly existence, but also of our existence here and now!

Through God's Holy Spirit we are able to enter into and know the deep things of God. Worship without the Holy Spirit is fruitless. God is Spirit and must be worshipped in Spirit.

The depths of God are without measure and we should never be satisfied with our knowledge of Him. There is so much more for us to know and experience. Our lives as Christians should be marked by a desire for an ever-expanding knowledge of God. God through His Holy Spirit, desires to lead us and enter into His depths.

Without the Spirit, we approach God vainly, satisfied with the fragrance of God and not God Himself.

Access to the deep things of God is found when we give ourselves over to Him – our mind, our emotions, our bodies and our will.

There are over 540 references to worship in the Bible from Genesis 4.4 to Revelation 22.8. With over 540 references to worship, the church fails to heed the message.

Worship is of fundamental significance to the individual and corporate life of the church.

We have made room for worship in our services through music, events or speakers, but have not given time or priority to the activity of worship. Teaching, special events and gatherings do not justify the use of the term "worship" to describe our services.