



Linked In To Worship

Announcements

Men's Conference 2010 – August 13-14 | LCC

Make It Happen Men's Breakfast – Wednesdays, 6:15 | Benedict's Restaurant

Warm-Up

Who is the most famous person you have ever met in your life? How did you act when you met him/her?

We respond to people based on our view of who they are. Our relationship with God is the same way. Therefore, our view of God will determine how we respond to Him.

Today we are going to discuss how we “get to” respond to God as we honor and love Him.

Word

When you are given a gift that you really like, what is your natural response to the person who gave it to you?

Usually our response to that person is dependant on our relationship with the person. Our worship towards God is the same way. Depending on how we view our relationship with God will depend on how we respond to Him in worship for all He has done for us.

Read Romans 11:33 – 12:2 and Mark 12:28-30

According to these scriptures what is the way that we should respond to God for who He is? Why do you think that?

How can you express your worship to God according to who He is in your life?

There are many different ways that we can express our worship to God (singing, dancing, clapping, raising hands, bowing down, playing musical instruments, spinning) which are seen throughout the Bible. The most important thing is that we give our all when worshipping God. People express their worship of God in different ways, but we need to understand that we have been created to worship God through an outward expression of our faith.

Read 2 Kings 5:14 and John 9:6-7

Why do you think the people in these stories had to do something before they saw God work in their life?

The answer to the previous question can be found in **James 2:17, 21-22 and 26.**

After reading these verses do you think you can respond to God in worship without a genuine outward expression of your faith? Why?

Not only do we need to express our praise towards God through an outward expression, but we also need to worship God even when we do not feel like it.

Read Psalm 103:1 and Psalms 42:5

King David, who wrote Psalm 103 and Psalm 42, shows us that he is making worship an act of his will, not an action dependent on how he feels.

Do you think it is easier to worship God when your life is going well or when you are facing challenges? Why?

Should our circumstances determine whether or not we worship God? Why?

God designed us to gain strength through worship. That means that even when we don't feel like worshipping we should engage in a willful act of worship.

Personal Application

What can you do to begin to engage in worship on a regular basis in order to draw closer to God?

Prayer

Ask the people in your group what specific needs they may have and bring them to God as a group. Also, please remember our high school students as they are at Revolution Camp this week. Please pray for their safety and for God to do an incredible work in their lives so that they will live with a godly purpose.