

Answers: Lesson Fifteen: CLI Leadership Bible Study

How to positively influence the attitudes and actions of others for Jesus Christ

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Lesson 15: The Leader in Worship

Lesson 15: The Leader in Worship (Day One) *What is Worship?*

New Testament Definition: The Greek word used most frequently in the New Testament for worship is *proskuneo* (προσκυνέω). It means to express in attitude or gesture (motion) one's complete dependence or submission to a high authority figure. It also means to fall down and worship, do obeisance (respectful gesture), to prostrate oneself before (lie face downward), revere (be in awe of) and to welcome respectfully.

New Testament Definition: Another Greek word, *latreuo* (λατρεύω) which is also translated worship means to serve and minister. In your dependence and submission to God as your leader on earth, you serve according to His will. Offering to help a "neighbor" in Jesus' name is an act of worship.

1. How do you personally express your complete dependence and submission to God?

Personal Answer

(Bible Minister: Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in making appropriate and helpful comments on this learner's personal answers)

Definition: In addition to moving the body to express deep respect, obeisance means to pay homage. In paying homage, we show deep respect and reverence. Homage is also defined as a *formal public acknowledgement* by which a feudal tenant or vassal declares his fealty to his lord.

Definition: Fealty is the loyalty and duty owed by a vassal to his feudal lord. In case your medieval history is a bit rusty, a vassal is a person who held land from a lord or superior, and in return the vassal gave help in war or some other service. Feudalism was a political and economic system of Europe from the 9th to about the 15th century, based on the holding of all land in fief or fee and the resulting relation of lord to vassal and characterized by homage, legal and military service of tenants (renters), and forfeiture (penalty, loss).

2. Please share a time when you made a *public acknowledgement* of your loyalty to God.

Personal Answer

Definition: In English, the verb worship means to honor and love God. It also means to regard with ardent or adoring esteem or devotion. A leader takes an active part in worship and influences others to honor and love God.

Bible References listed in Lesson:

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'" Mark 7:6-7

On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar. Zechariah 14:20

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1

3. Name two ways that *you* show God honor, devotion and love to God:

Personal Answer

Old Testament Definition: One of the verbs in Hebrew that English translates as worship is *shachah* (שָׁחָה). It means to prostrate or bow down. It also means to pay homage to God and reverence His name.

Old Testament Definition: Another Hebrew word that is translated worship is *abad* (עָבַד). It means to work and to serve.

4. List two ways that *you* work and serve God:

Personal Answer

Definition based on Greek, English and Hebrew: A true worshipper or leader in worship is one who loves the triune God and is fully dependent and submitted to Him constantly in prayer, service and devotion with great reverence and awe using his mind, spirit and body for His glory.

Personal Application: Read and meditate on Deuteronomy 6:4-7:
Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
Deuteronomy 6:4-7

5. Think about why you love God. With these words in your heart, talk about your love and loyalty of God and share with others. Make talking about your love for God a way of life. Share how this assignment brought you closer to God:

Personal Answer

Lesson 15: The Leader in Worship (Day Two) Equality in Worship

Read Exodus 4:22-23a and answer questions 6-7:

Then say to Pharaoh, This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son,²³ and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." Exodus 4:22-23a

6. How do you know that God desires worship in general and your worship specifically?

God tells us clearly in the book of Exodus that He saved the Israelites (His firstborn son) for the purpose of worship. In Christ, we are God's sons, and have been saved in order to worship.

7. How does God describe Israel in verse 22 and 23a?

My firstborn son

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:26-29

Read Galatians 3:26-29 and answer questions 8-14:

8. How does Paul describe Christians (v. 26)?

Sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus

9. How did you become a son of God (v. 27)?

Faith or trust in Christ Jesus

10. What is the difference in sonship between a Chinese, untouchable (lowest person in India) or female Christian (v. 28)?

There is no difference

Bible References listed in Lesson:

...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5

"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." Revelation 5:10

Definition: Prejudice is an irrational dislike of somebody: an unfounded hatred, fear, or mistrust of a person or group, especially one of a particular religion, ethnicity, nationality, gender, or social status.

11. Have you ever been the victim of prejudice? Please explain:

Personal Answer

Bible References listed in Lesson:

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3

Now Zelophehad son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons but only daughters, whose names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah. ⁴ They went to Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the leaders and said, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers." So Joshua gave them an inheritance along with the brothers of their father, according to the LORD's command. Joshua 17:3-4

The daughters of Zelophehad son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, belonged to the clans of Manasseh son of Joseph. The names of the daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah. They approached ² the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders and the whole assembly, and said, ³ "Our father died in the desert. He was not among Korah's followers, who banded together against the LORD, but he died for his own sin and left no sons. ⁴ Why should our father's name disappear from his clan because he had no son? Give us property among our father's relatives." ⁵ So Moses brought their case before the LORD ⁶ and the LORD said to him, ⁷ "What Zelophehad's daughters are saying is right. You must certainly give them property as an inheritance among their father's relatives and turn their father's inheritance over to them. ⁸ "Say to the Israelites, 'If a man dies and leaves no son, turn his inheritance over to his daughter. Numbers 27:1-8

They said, "When the LORD commanded my lord to give the land as an inheritance to the Israelites by lot, he ordered you to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters. Numbers 36:2

And he also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. ¹⁵ Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. Job 42:13-15

12. How does this understanding of your place in the Kingdom, no matter your social, cultural or gender status, affect your leadership?

Personal Answer. However, this knowledge should make us take our responsibilities for the Kingdom seriously. We should have no excuses for not doing our best due to low esteem or feelings of inferiority. God has not created second class citizens of His Kingdom and a passive existence is no longer acceptable.

13. What is the meaning of "baptized into Christ" (v. 27)?

Baptism is a symbol of the new reality of sonship in Christ. Our immersion signifies that we share in Jesus' death and have died to our old and sinful ways. Coming up out of the water signifies that we are raised out of death from sin into a new birth in Christ and into God's family.

14. How will you seek unity and harmony in serving God with others who are different than you (either racially, socially or in gender)?

Personal Answer

Bible References listed in Lesson:

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. Genesis 3:15

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. Galatians 3:16

I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

Personal Application: *Preparing your heart for worship:*

15a. Pray and ask God if there are any areas of your life where you are living law-centered rather than Christ-centered. Write the areas that God wants you to work on:

Personal Answer

15b. How will you follow through with the Lord's counsel and direction for these areas in your life?

Personal Answer

16a. Ask God if you are prejudiced against anyone or any group. What did God tell you?

Personal Answer

16b. How will you follow through with the Lord's counsel and direction for these areas of prejudice in your life?

Personal Answer

17a. Pray and ask God if you are being treated unjustly because of race, social class or gender. What did God tell you?

Personal Answer

17b. How will you follow through with the Lord's counsel and direction for the areas where you are being mistreated?

Personal Answer

18. Read and meditate on Matthew 5:44-48; Luke 6:27-28; Romans 12:14 and 1 Corinthians 4:12-13. In general, what does God want you to do when you are treated unjustly because of race, social class, or gender?

Personal Answer

Bible References listed in Question 18:

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:44-48

But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6:27-28

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Romans 12:14

We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it;¹³ when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world. 1 Corinthians 4:12-13

Lesson 15: The Leader in Worship (Day Three) Heart of Worship

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Psalm 84:2

19. Read and meditate on Psalm 84:2. How is this verse a statement of worship?

This psalm reveals a worshipper fully and constantly devoted to God. It is not a trivial seeking but an earnest and total longing for God. The worshipper's whole being: his mind, spirit and body seeks the LORD.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1

20. Read and meditate on Romans 12:1. How is this verse similar (like) to Psalm 84:2?

All of the person is involved and fully committed to worshipping God.

Bible References listed in Lesson:

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. Isaiah 29:13

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men." Mark 7:6-7

21. What will you do in order to show God that *your* worship of Him is from the heart?

Personal Answer

22. How did Bruchko live a life of worship and leadership?

Personal Answer, but here are some thoughts:

Bruchko loved God and was fully dependent and submitted to Him. He listened and acted on what God told him to do. He did not make excuses about his age, circumstances or the terrors of the jungle. He was not a part-time or legalistic worshiper and leader. He totally immersed himself in the people and culture to which he was called. He used his mind, spirit, and body to follow Jesus. His leadership influenced whole people groups for Christ and they in turn are influencing others. A Christian leader is a worshipper. It is impossible to be one without the other.

23. Where and how has God called *you* to serve?

Personal Answer

Personal Application:

24. Write 1 Peter 2: 4-5 without referring to notes or Bible:

As you come to him, the living Stone-- rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4-5

Lesson 15: The Leader in Worship (Day Four) Acceptable Worship**Read Genesis 4:3-5 and answer questions 25-27:**

In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.⁴ But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering.⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Genesis 4:3-5

25. Whose offering was acceptable to the LORD (v. 4)?

Abel

26. Did Cain bring his offering to God *immediately* (v. 3)? Yes **No** (Circle One)

27. Abel brought fat portions from some of the _____ **firstborn** _____ born of his flock (v. 4).

By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. Hebrews 11:4

28. Read Hebrews 11:4. Why do you think Abel is commended for his faith in offering God a better sacrifice?

Personal Answer, but here is crux of answer: In addition to making God the priority of his life, Abel was trusting God to provide the new born animals he needed to continue his flocks. He acknowledged God as his provider and placed his faith in the goodness of God to supply his needs.

Bible References listed in Lesson:

The LORD said to Moses,¹⁰ "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest.¹¹ He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath.¹² On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the LORD a lamb a year old without defect,¹³ together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil-- an offering made to the LORD by fire, a pleasing aroma-- and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine. Leviticus 23:9-13

From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the LORD. Leviticus 23:17

Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God. Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk. Exodus 23:19

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us." ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household. Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Definition: Firstfruits are the first and best quality of a harvested crop (gathered after ripening). The principal of firstfruits can also apply to your money, time and other aspects of your life.

29. What are *your* "first" fruits and how are you giving them to God?

Personal Answer

Read 2 Samuel 24:24 and answer questions 30-32:

But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. 2 Samuel 24:24

30. When the *generous* Araunah wanted to give David his land to build the altar, what did David say?

"No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

31. How do you think the concept (idea) of firstfruits and David's actions in 2 Samuel 24:24 are similar?

Acknowledging God deserves the best and giving Him the best of what you have.

32. Why do you think this concept might apply to our use of time, as well as our financial or material resources?

How we use our time reveals whether or not our heart is focused on God. Using our time for God reveals that the same thing that giving of our material goods reveals. God is first and deserves the best.

Read and meditate on John 12:3-7. Answer questions 33-35:

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial." John 12:3-7

33. How is Mary worshipping the Lord with her time and resources (v. 3)?

Mary offered her best and expensive perfume and gave it to Jesus. She took her time to pour it on His feet and wipe his feet with her hair.

34. How do you know that Jesus accepted Mary's worship (v. 7)?

He reprimanded (scolded) Judas and stated the perfume was a special gift for his burial

35. Is Judas' heart of worship more like Cain or Abel (v. 6)? Circle One. Why?

Judas had a selfish spirit like Cain. His heart was not turned toward God but himself. They both wanted to store up material goods for themselves.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 and answer questions 36-37:

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

Definitions: Figurative language is defined as speech or writing that departs from literal (actual) meaning in order to achieve a special effect or meaning by using figures of speech. Figures of speech use words in forms other than their ordinary and literal (actual) sense in order to suggest a picture, image or other special effect.

36. Why do you think Paul is using figurative language in saying that Christ is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep?

Paul used figurative language to make the point clear to his first century audience. They understood the principle of firstfruits and could apply it to Jesus' resurrection. Jesus was the first and finest *Person* to be raised into eternal life and His life was a pledge (guarantee) of the coming harvest of believers. God gave us His best, He gave us Himself.

37. How has Jesus changed acceptable worship?

True and acceptable worship must come through Christ now. Must believe in Jesus and worship God through Him.

Personal Application:

38. Write Ephesians 5:1-2 without referring to notes of the Bible:

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Lesson 15: The Leader in Worship (Day Five) Glory to God

Definition: The Hebrew word *kabod* (כְּבוֹד) is translated glory in English. *Kabod* means heavy in weight and it also means the weighty importance and shining majesty which accompany God’s presence.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.
Psalm 29:2-4 (Ascribe - attribute, credit or assign)

39. Read Psalm 29:2-4. Describe how David is worshipping God in writing this psalm:

Answer should have some of the following points, although, not written in exact words:

David is acknowledging the “weighty importance and shining majesty” that God deserves. He sees the greatness and nobility of God and is filled with reverent awe. David, the worshipping leader, is crediting God for His holiness and power over the earth. God is majestic and His glory inspires humble reverence.

Personal Application: Read Isaiah 42:8 and answer questions 40-42:

"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.
Isaiah 42:8

40. Do I accept praise for the natural talents or physical attributes that God has given me?

Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

Personal Answer

41. Do I take credit for the Holy Spirit's work in my life? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

Personal Answer

42. Do I accept recognition for "my" good works? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

Personal Answer

Repent of anytime you have attempted to take God's glory to yourself. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep you in true worship so that you do not take any credit or praise to yourself for God's rightful place. Pray and ask God to make your life a sweet fragrant offering giving Him all the glory.

43. How does Lottie give God glory in facing the persecutors?

Answer should have some of the following points, although, not written in exact words:

Miss Moon made it clear that Jesus was in charge in that community. He had the power to overcome the persecution. Nevertheless, if she had to die, so be it. She would not stop worshipping Christ. His glory and honor were more important to her than her own life.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,²⁹ for our "God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 12:28

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