



# THE JESUS APPRENTICESHIP

## Session 10: Corporate Worship

Why and how do we engage in corporate worship?

### Teaching notes:

#### **Part 1 – Being prepared for corporate worship which flows from our personal times of worship.**

Consider our preparation.

Authenticity – our passion in corporate worship should mirror our passion in personal worship.

How much do I plan during my week for personal worship?

Be a self-starter. Do we only worship when gathered with others and led by someone or will I worship God any time, any place?

Be a secret worshipper – times of closet worship – **Matthew 6:6**

Allow your secret worship to **FLOW** into corporate worship.

Sing the Psalms. Sing from your inner hymnbook.

David Clarkson quote:

*'The Lord engages himself to let forth as it were, a stream of his comfortable, quickening presence to every particular person that fears him, but when many of these particular's join together to worship God, then these several streams are united and meet in one. So that the presence of God, which, enjoyed in private, is but a stream, in public becomes a river, a river that makes glad the city of God'.*

Just as our individual worship is the essence of our personal relationship with God, our corporate worship is the essence of our collective relationship to God as Christ's betrothed bride here on earth.

## **Part 2 – Created to worship both individually and together.**

Shout for joy, **all** you upright in heart – **Psalm 32:11**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me and let **us** exalt his name **together!** – **Psalm 34:3**

Sing aloud to God **our** strength! – **Psalm 81:1**

Let **us** make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! – **Psalm 95:2**

Exaltation is the heartbeat of God's gathered people.

### **Hebrews 10:24-25**

'And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching'.

Increase in strength – **Deuteronomy 32:30**

Power in agreement – **Matthew 18:19**

Promise of presence – **Matthew 18:20**

We are a body – **1 Corinthians 12:27**

God is enthroned on our praises – **Psalm 22:3.**

Praise is described in many ways throughout scripture:

- **Yadah** – to revere or worship with extended hands – Psalm 67:3
- **Halal** – to boast, to rave, to shine, to celebrate – Psalm 149:3.
- **Zamar** – to make music – Psalm 144:9.
- **Towdah** – an extension of the hand, thanksgiving, a sacrifice of praise – Psalm 100:4
- **Barak** – to kneel, to salute, to thank - Psalm 95:6.
- **Tehilla** - a hymn, a song of praise, a new song, a spontaneous song – Psalm 22:3
- **Shabach** – to shout, to glory and triumph – Psalm 145:4

The New Testament further supports the need to use the psalms in worship.

**Colossians 3:16**

**Ephesians 5:18-19**