

WHY WORSHIP?

PERSONAL CONNECTIONS / INTRODUCTION

Focus Verse | 2 Timothy 3:15

AND HOW FROM INFANCY YOU HAVE KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES,
WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE YOU WISE FOR SALVATION,
THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS.

We've seen the ways God connects us to his Church, both past and present, through public worship. We studied the ways that God comes to his people in worship. Focus now on the ways that we are drawn, personally, close to God. Do not be misled and assume you need to feel close to God as you worship. The harder you chase the feeling of being close to God, the farther you will fall from God and his true saving purpose. Personal connections are not about feelings or emotions. They're about humility. They are setting aside your selfish expectations about what you can get out of worship and focusing on the ways God nourishes your personal faith through worship. Time in worship is time in the Word and time in the Word is a time of personal growth. The fact that we get to hear God's very words at worship is absolutely incredible. The words of the lessons point us to our Savior and our loving God. The Word of God that is intertwined with the liturgy and the prayers directs our hearts to God's powerful and efficacious Word. The hymns and songs remind us of the God the Bible teaches us

about. The Holy Word of God preached to our sinful ears is a matter of spiritual life and death. God's Word makes us wise for salvation, not on our own account, but based on God's merit. God personally connects us to his Word as he nourishes our faith. He forms and blesses personal connections, not based on feelings, but resting solidly on Christ, the rock of our salvation, all through his Word. The blessings God grants you personally in worship abound- see how your cup overflows!

PERSONAL CONNECTIONS | A LOOK AHEAD

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