



ANSWERS: Unit 3: Christian Leadership

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

Lesson 17 The Leader in Worship

Day One

What is Worship?

Read Genesis 24:48 and answer questions 1–2:

... and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. Genesis 24:48

1. How did Abraham's servant thank God for a successful mission?

Bowed down, worshipped, and praised God.

2. What did God do for Abraham's servant that caused him to worship God?

God led Abraham's servant on the right road to get the granddaughter of Abraham's brother for his son.

Read Matthew 2:11 and answer questions 3–6:

On coming to the house, they [Magi] saw the child [Jesus] with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (Magi are wise men or astrologers.)

3. How did the Magi react when they saw Jesus?

They bowed down and worshiped Him.

4. Even though Jesus was a child (one to two years old), what did the Magi recognize about Him (See Matthew 2:2–4)?

They recognized that Jesus was king of the Jews and possibly they recognized Him as the Messiah.

Bible Reference in Question 4:

[Magi] and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. Matthew 2:2–4

5. The Magi bowed down, submitted to Jesus as king of the Jews and possibly the Messiah. What other act of worship did they carry out?

Then they opened their treasures and presented Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

6. How do *you* personally express your dependence and submission to God?

Personal Answer

7. Please describe a time when you publicly acknowledged your loyalty to God.

Personal Answer

8. Read Jeremiah 2:20. What did God's people, the Israelites say to Him?

"Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you [Israelites] said, 'I will not serve you!' Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute." Jeremiah 2:20 (The high hill, tree, and prostitute phrase indicates idol worship.)

They said, "I will not serve you!"

9. Read Luke. 2:37. In contrast to the Israelites in Jeremiah 2:20, how did the widow worship?

... and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Luke. 2:37

She worshiped sincerely and constantly while the Israelites didn't worship at all.

10. Read Romans 1:9. How did the apostle Paul serve and worship God?

God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you. Romans 1:9

He served God in His spirit in preaching the gospel.

11. Read Hebrews 9:6. The priests carrying on their ministry in the Temple was considered worship. True False (Underline One)

When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. Hebrews 9:6

Action Step

12. Read and meditate on Psalm 65 from a Bible. What do learn from David's psalm of praise?

Personal answer, but some things we learn is that God answers prayer, forgives, fills with good things, is righteous, is our hope, powerful, takes care of the earth, and gives food.

Psalm 65 as referenced in #12:

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. ²You who answer prayer, to you all people will come. ³When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. ⁴Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. ⁵You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, ⁶who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, ⁷who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. ⁸he whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. ⁹You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. ¹⁰You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. ¹¹You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. ¹²The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. ¹³The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing. Psalm 65:1–13

13. We have defined worship as loving the triune God and being fully dependent and submitted to Him constantly by prayer, praise, thanksgiving, obedience (His Word), loyalty, and good works. In all this we worship with great reverence and awe, using our minds, spirits, and bodies for His glory.

In which of these ways of worship do you excel, and which ways need attention? For those ways that need attention, write down how you will improve in those areas.

Personal Answer

14. Read and meditate on Psalm 96 from a Bible. Think about why you love God. With these words in your heart, talk about your love and loyalty to God and share with others in your group when you meet. Make talking about your love for God a way of life. Share how this assignment brought you closer to God:

Personal Answer

Psalm 96 as referenced in #14:

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹²Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

¹³Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness. Psalm 96:1–13

—End Day One—

Day Two

Equality in Worship

Read Exodus 4:22–23a and answer questions 15–16:

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

15. What was the reason the Lord wanted Pharaoh to release the Israelites?

The Lord wanted the Israelites released so they could worship Him.

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

Firstborn son and son.

Read Galatians 3:26–29 and answer questions 17–23:

You are all children [sons]¹ 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

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

Sons or children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

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

Baptized and clothed with Christ which means faith or trust in Christ Jesus.

19. Based on Galatians 3:26-29, how does being a child or son of God through faith in Christ Jesus differ for the following: a believing Arab, a believing untouchable (lowest person in India), a believing Jew, or a believing female?

There is no difference

20. As a son of God through faith in Christ are you Abraham's seed, and heir according to the promise (v. 29)? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal answer but should be yes for believers.

Bible references 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

21. Have you ever been the victim or perpetrator of prejudice? Please explain.

Personal Answer

¹ Although in some cases, the Greek word *vios* (υἱός) may be translated children, in this context it should be translated sons as the brackets indicate. In this passage, Paul is talking about being heirs according to the promise. Sons were heirs. The Greek word *vios* is defined as male offspring or descendants and an adopted male.

22. How does this understanding of your place in the kingdom, no matter your social, cultural, or gender status affect your relationship with God and your responsibility for His directives?

Personal answer but should have a positive effect on our relationship with God. 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 for His kingdom and a passive existence is no longer acceptable.

Bible references 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 Hepher, 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 Hepher, 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 approached² 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 LORD⁶ 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

23. 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.

The phrase “baptized into Christ” also signifies the spiritual reality of our rebirth or regeneration by the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation (1 Corinthians 12:13)

Bible reference in answer and lesson:

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12:13

24. How will you seek unity and harmony in serving God with others who are different from you (either ethnically, 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

Action Step

25. Read and meditate on Psalm 71:8. With your mouth filled with God’s praise, pray for an opportunity to share your excitement about God and the good news about His Son, Jesus. Write about your experience.

My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long. Psalm 71:8

Personal Answer

—End Day Two—

Day Three
Heart of Worship

26. Read and meditate on Psalm 84:2. How can this verse be a statement of worship for *you*?

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

Personal answer, but this psalm reveals a worshiper fully and constantly devoted to God. It is not a trivial seeking but an earnest and total longing for God. The worshiper's whole being—mind, spirit, and body seeks the Lord.

27. Read and meditate on Romans 12:1. How is this verse similar to Psalm 84:2 cited above?

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

All of the person—mind, soul, and body is involved and fully committed to worshiping God.

Bible reference 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

28. Read Mark 7:6–7. What will *you* do to show God that *your* worship of Him is from the heart?

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.' They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." Mark 7:6–7

Personal Answer

29. Think about Bruce's story. How was he a Christian leader living a life of worship?

Personal answer but here are some thoughts from the lesson: Bruce loved God and was fully dependent and submitted to Him. He listened and acted on what God told him to do. Bruce 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. Bruce 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.

30. Where and how has God called you to serve? If you are unsure, pray and ask God to reveal His plan to you. Remember, God's plan may unfold slowly and incrementally over time.

Personal Answer

Action Step

31. Pray and ask God to give you a heart of worship. Memorize 1 Peter 2:4–5:

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you 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

—End Day Three—

Day Four
Acceptable Worship

Read Genesis 4:3–5 and answer questions 32–36:

In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵but 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

32. Between Cain and Abel, whose offering was acceptable to the Lord (vv. 4–5)?

Abel

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

34. What did Abel bring as an offering to the Lord (v. 4)?

Fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.

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

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

Personal answer but here is the crux of it. In addition to making God the priority of his life, Abel was trusting God to provide the newborn 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 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. ¹¹He 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. ¹²On 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

36. What represents *your* “first” fruits and how are you giving them to God?

Personal Answer

Read 2 Samuel 24:24 and answer questions 37–39:

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

37. When the generous Araunah wanted to give King David his land to build the altar and the oxen for the burnt offering, how did David reply (v. 24a)?

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

38. How do you think the concept of firstfruits, and David’s response and actions are similar?

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

39. After studying the principle of firstfruits, what is one practical way you will apply this concept to your life?

Personal Answer

Read John 12:3–7 and answer questions 40–42:

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. ⁴But 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.” ⁶He 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

40. How is Mary worshiping 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 them with her hair.

41. 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

42. Why do you think Judas' heart was more like Cain than Abel (v. 6)?

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 43–44:

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 turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.* 1 Corinthians 15:20–23

43. How is Paul using figurative language in saying that Christ is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (vv. 20, 23)?

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.

44. How did we all die in Adam (v. 22)?

When Adam (and Eve) sinned and ate the fruit in the garden of Eden, humankind inherited the sin and we all forfeited eternal life. Hence, we all die.

45. How are we made alive in Christ (vv. 22–23)?

Jesus died for all sins and made eternal life with God a reality for those who trust in Him.

46. Why is Jesus worthy of worship? (Compare John 1:29, 11:25–26, 14:6.)

Jesus is the Son and Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Bible references in #46:

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Action Step

47. Memorize Ephesians 5:1–2.

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way 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

—End Day Four—

Day Five

Glory to God

48. Read Psalm 29:2–4. How was David worshiping God when he wrote these verses?

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. ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.*

Psalm 29:2–4 (Ascribe means to give credit or assign.)

Personal answer but from the lesson: 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 worshiping leader, is crediting God for His holiness and power over the earth. God is majestic and His glory inspires humble reverence.

Action Step: Read Isaiah 42:8 and answer questions 49–51:

“I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.”

Isaiah 42:8

49. Do I accept praise for the natural talents or physical attributes that God has given me?
Yes No Sometimes (Underline One)

Personal Answer

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

Personal Answer

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

Personal Answer

Read Hebrews 13:15–16 and answer questions 52–54:

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:15–16

52. Who makes it possible for us to continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God (v. 15)?

Jesus, His death and resurrection.

53. How are the mouths of believers described when we openly profess God's name (v. 15)?

Fruit of lips

54. Give an example of a sacrifice that pleases God (v. 16).

Doing good and sharing with others.

Read John 4:23–24 and answer questions 55–56:

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshiper will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshiper the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshiper must worship in the Spirit and in truth." John 4:23–24

55. How do true worshipers worship the Father (v. 23)?

In the Spirit and in truth.

56. How do *you* worship God the Father?

Personal answer but if believer, in the Spirit and in truth.

57. From the narrative above, how did Lottie give God glory when facing persecutors?

Personal answer, but Lottie Moon trusted God and thus gave Him glory even in the midst of severe persecution. God's glory and honor were more important to her than her own life. She was ready to die for Jesus as He had died for humanity.

58. Read Revelation 14:7. How are *you* or how will *you* be a leader in worship?

He [angel] said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Revelation 14:7

Personal Answer

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