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Protestant Women of the Chapel

WORKSHOP: WORSHIP: THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP

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PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

RELEVANCE: True spiritual leadership flows out of worship. Worship should be a lifestyle for Christian Leaders. Our worship transcends designated times and spaces, such as Sunday morning worship service. Worship encompasses *every* aspect of our daily life, both privately, when we think no one is looking, as well as in public. The goal of spiritual leadership is to glorify God and bless His people. True worship produces Godly character, vision, and motivation in leaders to live a life pleasing to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about worship?

- **To worship God is to give God His *worth*.**
 - John 4:21-23

...Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself.

– Luke 10:27 (NIV)

I. WORSHIP HIM WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

Intimacy with Christ is a prerequisite for spiritual leadership. In order to have an intimate relationship with Christ, we need to submit to His Lordship. As we give more and more room to the Holy Spirit, we experience the fullness of His presence and every moment of our lives becomes worship.



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Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

– Revelation 3:20 (NASB)

- *What are some ways I can practice the constant presence of God in my life?*
- *How much room have I made for His Spirit to reside in my soul? (mind, heart, and will)*
- *What are some ways I can remind myself that Jesus is with me all the time?*

II. WORSHIP HIM WITH ALL YOUR MIND

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

– Romans 12:2 (NIV)

- *What would your thought pattern look like if you had a TV screen on your head, projecting your every thought?*



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- We can discipline our mind and have control over our mind as we purposefully replace our thoughts with scriptures and good thoughts.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

– *Philippians 4:8 (NIV)*

- *What are some unwelcome thoughts that have been hanging out in your mind?*

III. WORSHIP HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART

- True worship requires complete submission of our hearts to Christ.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

– *1 Peter 3:15a (NIV 2011)*

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit . . . a good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

– *Luke 6:43-45 (NIV 2011)*

- This Bible verse indicates that our heart and mouth are closely related. Our heart and mouth play a critical role in our spiritual walk with the Lord.

If you declare with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

– *Romans 10:9 (NASB)*

- The level of our worship is evident in our lives through the words we speak.

And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it, we bless our Lord and Father, and with it, we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

– *James 3:6-10 (NASB)*



- Words can deeply wound or heal our heart. When we completely trust the Lord, draw close to Him, and worship Him- even in our pain, God transforms us more and more into His image.
- One of the ways God builds leadership qualities in us is by allowing trials in our life. Trials come in many different areas such as health, finances, relationships, and more. Sometimes, the trials come from spoken words.

These [trials] have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

– 1 Peter 1:7 (NIV)

- Harboring anger and bitterness in our heart makes the enemy of our soul dance with joy.
- So how can we worship Christ when wounded by words? Focus on Jesus, allowing Him to pull out the root of bitterness from our heart, replacing it with praise and adoration.

Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

– Ephesians 5:19 (NIV 2011)



- The mouth is a megaphone of our heart. When we nurture worship in our heart, our mouth will amplify His goodness and mercy.

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

– Proverbs 18: 21 (NIV)

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

– Psalm 119:11 (NIV)



I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

– *Psalm 34:1 (NIV)*

- When we meditate on His Word and worship Him, our wounds can become a weapon, leading to victorious Christian living and leadership.

After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever." As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

– *2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (NIV)*

- Who am I having trouble forgiving right now?

IV. WORSHIP HIM WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

- Being a leader is not only *what a person does*, but also *who the person is in Christ* – a worshiper. A worshiper of Christ worships Christ in *everything* they do, large or small. Worshiping Him in small things creates building blocks for expanded leadership.

Do not despise these small beginnings...

– *Zechariah 4:10a (NLT)*

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.

– *Luke 16:10a (NIV)*

- Before we lead others, we must lead ourselves, and before we can lead many, we must learn to lead a few. Leadership begins at home.
- "Everything You Do" by Steven Curtis Chapman
(You Tube; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVTeIMursb8>)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

– *1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)*

For in Him we live and, move, and have our being.

– *Acts 17:28a NIV*



APPLY IT TO LIFE:

- **So, why worship God? What is the result of worship?** To worship God is to give God His Worth. *God is not always pleased with leaders but He is always pleased with worshipers.* We do not worship God for a blessing but when our life is living-worship, *God is glorified, and people are blessed.*



- We need to remember that whatever we do can be an act of worship if we do it for the Lord.
- When we desire to worship Christ, He will transform us more and more into His image, and we develop Godly character and vision. *Our vision and motivation is Christ Himself, not promoting ourselves.*
- When our worship and His blessings overflow, it floods into the lives of others around us and ripples out to the rest of the world, fulfilling His great commission.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

– *Matthew 28:19-20*



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