

DEVOTIONAL

HEALTHY WORSHIP

JESUS:

The Son of God.

The Messiah.

Fully God and fully man.

Immanuel.

The One and only Savior.

The Prince of Peace.

Our Redeemer.

The names and descriptions of Jesus could fill pages and pages.

As Christians, we worship God in three persons (The Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in one essence, known as God.

Jesus was sent to earth by His Heavenly Father, lived a sinless life, died on the cross, defeated death, rose again and opened the door for us to be forgiven by God and have a relationship with Him.

As a response, we have the opportunity to worship God. We can worship at a church service, while working or at home with our families. Every day, in all things, we have the opportunity to worship God.

"So whether you eat or drink, or **whatever** you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

In **WHATEVER** we do.

"WHATEVER you do, do it ALL for the glory of God."

What does a typical weekday look like for you?

Do you reserve your worship for God to just the weekends?

What are the ways that you currently give authentic worship to God on a daily basis?

What is an area of your life that you would like to become more worshipful to God?

This past weekend Pastor Steve talked about how *authentic worship leads to lasting change*.

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Jesus, the Son of God, the One and only Savior, and the Messiah is the only one who can bring about true transformation of our soul.

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:1-2

"Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying." Romans 12:11-12

Here are three ways that you can nurture your enthusiasm for God and kick-start authentic worship of Him this week:

Rejoice in hope.

Reflect on the following Scriptures about our hope in God. Reflecting on Scripture and who God is, is one of many ways to authentically worship God.

Deuteronomy 31:6, Romans 5:2-5, Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 39:7, Romans 8:24-25

Be patient in trouble.

What is troubling you this week? We were not meant to live life alone or carry our burdens on our own. We are created for community. Being in Christ-centered community is one way we can give authentic worship to God. Who can you talk to this week about the hard things in life?

Keep on praying.

Will you worship or worry?

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer is an opportunity to worship God by entrusting all things to Him.

Attending church is important, but how will your worship of God go beyond the weekend this week?

REFLECTION & RESPONSE | Reflect on this week's devotional.

- What did this teach me about God?
- What did it show me about myself?
- What is, at least, one way that I can respond and apply this teaching to my life?
- How will I pray about this during the week?

NEXT STEPS | some suggested personal steps for this week

You were created for community. You were made to journey through life with others. On February 21, we will host an event called Group Connect. It is a great place to connect with others who are on a similar journey as you, by joining a small group.

For more information on small groups and how to join one, visit the Small Groups page: connectionpointe.org/smallgroups