

THE
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**FOR MUSICIANS, SINGERS, LEADERS,
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About This Seminar

The Worship Ministry Intensive is all about understanding and releasing the transformative power of worship. This seminar is for you if you're involved in any aspect of worship ministry.

We'll explore the major themes of worship presented in scripture, the "big picture" of "why we do what we do" and include plenty of practical application.

There's a lot of moving parts involved in leading people in worship. This overview covers the key elements for nurturing a wholehearted culture of worship.

Through out this course you'll gain practical tips, advice, & best practices that will help you lead with excellence and hopefully, avoid major mistakes.

This seminar is designed to inform, inspire and train musicians, singers, leaders, and anyone who serves in worship ministry with their gifts and talents or is simply interested in the subject. You will grow in your understanding of worship, especially if you want to "fill the gaps" of your knowledge.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Everybody Worships, All The Time.

A Biblical Worldview on Worship

1. Personal Observation: In beginning a conversation about spirituality, our humanity is the common denominator. A holistic awareness understands:

- a. We are physical beings ...
- b. We are emotional beings ...
- c. We are spiritual beings ... searching for something transcendent, beyond ourselves.

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

2. Anthropological Observation: We see the search for divine connection throughout human history in various pagan deities, cultures making gods out of the sun, moon, nature, animals etc.

a. There is a worship impulse, a part of human nature that seeks to put something or someone in a position of glory. If it's not directed to the "one, true" biblical God, it's a form of idolatry.

b. Romans 1:21-23

"They knew God but did not praise and thank him for being God. Instead, their thoughts were total nonsense, and their misguided minds were plunged into darkness. While claiming to be wise, they became fools. They exchanged the glory of the immortal God for statues that looked like mortal humans, birds, animals, and snakes."

3. Contemporary Cultural Observation:

- a. Today people are hungry for connection with the divine and with others.
- b. Individuals: make up their own framework for personal spiritual understanding – Oprah, various spiritual guru's whatever is the latest trend.
- c. Groups: Tribes , communities at bars, coffee houses, sports teams
- d. The contemporary spiritual condition:

"There is no lighthouse keeper. There is no lighthouse. There is no dry land. There are only people living on rafts made from their own imaginations. And, there is the sea"

John Dominic Crossan, co-founder of the Jesus Seminar, excerpt from My Soul Purpose, Richard Parrott p. 239

4. Through observation we can conclude that humans are inclined to dedicate themselves to something that they highly value and make sacrifices for that which has the place of glory in their lives.

a. Glory – an organizing center to your life, that which has first place. Preeminence, the guiding principle for what you give your life to.

b. Dedication – what we commit to. We affiliate with a tribe, a culture, a type of music or lifestyle, experience = we publicly declare what team we are on, we declare who we are aligned with – we wear a T-shirt, etc

c. Sacrifice – we take our time, talent and treasure – we vote with our time, schedule & energy what is to us most glorious. Religion is not the only place this occurs.

d. Consider Paul's commentary on the *object of worship* from Romans 11:36

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever! Amen" (NIV)

"For the universe owes its origin to Him, was created by Him, and has its aim and purpose in Him. To Him be the glory throughout the Ages! Amen." (Weymouth New Testament)

"For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen." (New Living Translation)

5. Our lives are a Continuous Outpouring of worship. *Everybody worships, all the time.*

a. *"We are, everyone of us, unceasing worshipers and will remain so forever, for eternity is an infinite extrapolation of one of two conditions: a surrender to the sinfulness of sin unto infinite loss or the commitment of personal righteousness unto infinite gain. This is the central fact of our existence, and it drives every other fact. Within it lies the story of creation or final loss"*

Harold Best , Unceasing Worship

b. The question is – What is the direction of our worship?

c. The answer depends on which story you live out of.

What's Your Story? *Worship is Oriented in God's Story. A narrative approach.*

1. Story orientation –Everybody lives out of one. Many people say “I believe in God”, but they don't mean the God of the bible. They make up their own version of God
- 2.. The direction of your worship – either towards God or not - depends on what story you live out of, your worldview.

“All human communities live out of some story that provides a context for understanding the meaning of history and gives shape and direction to their lives... Which story we live out of makes a huge difference in how one interprets events in life” (The Drama of Scripture, Bartholomew & Goheen p12, 19)

3. The Bible is presented as God's story. It is a **Meta-narrative** - a grand, universal, all encompassing story that explains all other stories.
 - a. It is normative – defines the starting point of truth
 - b. Comprehensive – it explains life as a whole
4. Robert Webber – *Who Gets to Narrate the World*
 - a. “Worship tells God's story”
 - b. **Creation | Fall | Incarnation | Recreation**
 - c. It's Theo-centric, it's all about God
5. **God's story orients our understanding of life.** It explains our origins, the human condition and our destiny. Just a few take-aways ...
 - i. We are created to be comfortable in our own skin,
 - ii. to delight in God, because he delights in us.
 - iii. Represent God in the natural world, to be a blessing
 - iv. Worship teaches and trains us to be givers - not takers

“We are interested in God and spirituality because we are interested in living. “We sense that life is more than what we are in touch with at this moment, but not different from it, and not unrelated to it. There comes a time for most of us when we discover a deep desire within us to live from the heart what we already know in our heads and do with our hands. Eugene Peterson, “ Christ Plays in 10,000 Places”

Worship Originates In God's Story

When I first learned to think of the Bible as God's story, it completely changed the way I saw scripture.

Yes, it is a book of history and law, and poetry and wisdom. But it is more than a collection of stories and more than ancient self-help book. This is a supernatural book with the words of God.

The Bible is the story of God.

It's all about God.

When you read it, ask yourself, "what is this telling me about God?"

God's Story Synopsis

It has a beginning, the book of Genesis that tells us of our origins. It has an end, the book of Revelation that tells of our future and destiny

God's story tells us that God is love. And, that God is good.

From the overflow of His love, He created all things, heavens and earth, Ex Nilho - from nothing. All for His glory. And He called it good.

He made human beings, Imago Dei, in His image to have relationship with Himself.

He gave us free will to choose whether to love Him, or not. From the paradise of Eden we choose to use our free will to rebel against God.

The natural consequence was a broken and lost relationship. And God has been at work to restore that relationship ever since. He's been on a cosmic rescue mission.

He promised to bless all nations through a man, Abraham, and through his family - Issac and Jacob, who would grow into a nation - Israel.

And from the seed of that nation God became incarnate - He humbled himself to become one of us.

He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem all creation. That through His life, death and resurrection our sins are forgiven, our relationship with God is restored.

Jesus came that we can have life and have it abundantly.

God's story tells us that

Jesus will return.

The devil will be defeated.

There will be a wedding celebration.

There will be rejoicing
and no more tears.
There will be a New Heavens and A New Earth.

The story says that
through Jesus Christ
we are new creations
and all things will be made new.

This is a good story.
This is a great message. The best ever.
The Bible is unique.
It is a supernatural book.

It tells us who God is,
what He has done for us,
and who we are in Christ Jesus.

It tells of our identity and our destiny.
It tells us how to relate to God.
And that is called - worship.

God delights in His people.
And He wants us to delight in Him
God has a vision for worship.

“You will be my people, and I will be Your God.”
(Exodus 6:7)

Worship is God's Love Language.

1. Worship is our human response to God's love.
2. God pursues relationship with us. He initiates communication.
3. Worship is a pattern of revelation and response. God reveals. We respond. We see this is in natural or general revaluation (the beauty of nature, sunsets, etc) and specific "divine" revelation (scripture, word).
4. God is all about relationship, because He IS a relationship.
5. God invites us into His community because He IS a community.
6. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit represent a perfect love relationship, a complete community.
7. To love well, we must do it God's way
8. *"Worship of the true and living God is essentially an engagement with him on the terms that he proposes and in the way that he alone makes possible"* David Peterson, Engaging God (20, 283).
9. Broadly understood: Worship pertains to all of life
10. Response expressed as personal worship : on the deck with a cup of coffee.
11. Response expressed as gathered or corporate worship : "church "

Is There Such a Thing As "Right" worship and "Wrong" worship?

1. Human logic would say, "as long as your intentions are good, God accepts your offering of worship"
2. The question is, are their right and wrong ways of living in a healthy relationship? Personal example /illustration When you get to know someone, you understand their likes and dislikes.
3. What we'll see throughout scripture, is that God is telling us how to relate to Him in a healthy way.
4. The Bible is pretty clear about what God does and does not desire as worship. Consider these examples of unacceptable worship:
 1. Cain and Able - Genesis 4, David's Return of the Ark - 2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 13
Annas & Spaphira - Acts 5
5. You gotta do God's work - God's way.
6. When your gift, your offering, your "worship" is all about you - then there's a problem, a disconnect.

Worship Words

1. Throughout scripture there are two sets of Hebrew and Greek words primarily translated as “worship” in English. They help orient an understanding of the major ideas related to worship.
2. “Shacah” (Hebrew) shows up over 170 times in scripture, and
3. “Proskuneo” (Greek) appears over 60 times.
4. The basic idea behind both these words is the idea of showing honor, giving respect, humbling yourself before a superior. Reverence would be an appropriate interpretation. These words speak of an inward heart attitude.
5. Two other words, Abad (Hebrew) and Leiturgia (Greek) communicate the idea of worship as a “acts of service.”
6. From Leiturgia we get the word “liturgy” which literally means “the work of the people”.
7. Here the idea is that the “worship team” is “all of us”, not just an exclusive club of special people up front trying to convince an audience to sing along with Christian karaoke.
8. At it’s heart, worship is about being a participator, not a spectator.
9. PRAISE and WORSHIP are ACTION WORDS that reflect a HEART ATTITUDE
 - Bow down (kara Ps95:6, Is 45:23) to the Lord
 - Kneel or bend the knee (berekh Ps 95:6)
 - Bow low (qadad Gen 24:26, Ex 12:27, 2 Chron 29:30, Ne 8:6)
 - Rise up (qum Ps 24:3)
 - Stand (‘amad Ps 122:2, 135:2) within the Lords house
 - Lift up hands (nasa Ps 63:4) to the name of the Lord
 - Spread out Hands (peras 2 Chron 6:13, Ps 143:6) in prayer
10. Praise often translated from “Halal”
Implies a command to boast. It communicates a sense of abandonment, an exclamation, to shine forth clamorously.
11. Halal + Jah (Yahweh) = Praise directed to Yahweh (God)
Hallelujah = Praise the Lord! It is an exclamation!
Praise = “active boasting in the acts of God”
Praise is active – action words
Boasting – Psalm 96 “Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised”
God’s acts – acknowledging what he has done and what only He can do.
Praise is expressive – it is to be seen and heard.

What is Worship? Three Organizing Scriptures

The Bible is a big book with a lot of information. And the study of worship is a huge and inexhaustible subject. It's like trying to study God himself. There are many ways to approach a theological study of worship. There are many scriptures that can and should be studied, but I believe these Three Organizing Scriptures are foundational.

1. Worship is about All Of Life (Romans 12:1)

First, worship is about how we live all of life, every aspect of living. This is the big "W" of Worship, it is a worldview and lifestyle based on Romans 12:1-2

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
(NIV)

The Message translation.

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. (The Message)

Key principles from this scripture:

1. Worship is a lifestyle of obedience, not religious performance or ritual.
2. Worship expands far beyond the activities of the sanctuary, it encompasses the entirety of our lives. This involves our private lives, our family relationships, and our vocations – the "work of our hands." It includes everything from the mundane to the significant.
3. We do this by having a "God awareness" in every thing we do, realizing that He is there, He sees it all and He cares. So whatever we do, we do it all for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

2. Worship is to be in Spirit and Truth (John 4:23-24)

*“But the time is coming--indeed it's here now--when true worshipers will worship the Father in **spirit and in truth**. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in **spirit and in truth**.” John 4:23-24*

Explore the context of the story. Jesus conversation with the woman at the well.

“It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.” John 4:23-24 (The Message)

Key principles from this scripture:

“Spirit” and “Truth” are huge concepts.

- 1) Jesus affirmed that God is looking for worshipers. He is seeking those with whom He can have a close personal relationship. He is actively pursuing people, desiring to draw them to Himself.
- 2) God is Spirit. The essence of God is spirit. This is totally foreign to the logic of our sensory perception. We can not see, feel, smell or taste God. The spirit is invisible and totally unlike what we know. We have to relate to Him with our spirit. This is a mystery.
- 3) Truth is revealed as the word of God and the life of Jesus Christ.
- 4) We can think of truth as being God's word recorded in scripture. (John 17:17, Psalm 119)
- 5) Jesus proclaimed to be the living word. (John 1:1)
- 6) Jesus is declared as the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6)
- 7) Finally, there is the Spirit of Truth that “will make sense out of what is about to happen” (John 16:13) Your inner spirit will know when the spirit of truth reveals God.

3. Worship is the First and Greatest Commandment. (Mark 12:30)

"Love God, Love People" paraphrases Mark 12:30

Explore the context of the story. Jesus questioned by the scribes & pharasee

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30 NIV

Key principles from this scripture:

1. Jesus affirmed the Jewish call to worship, "the Shema" (Deuteronomy 6:4), as the most important of all the commandments.
2. To love God with everything you've got - wholeheartedly, is the First and Greatest Commandment.
3. Loving God is to be our highest priority. It is to have the most weight, the highest value in our lives.
4. The second priority is the golden rule, *'Love your neighbor as yourself'*

Theology made simple: Love God, Love People.

Many churches have a variation of this as a mission or vision statement.

If we do those two things, we're doing pretty good.

These four primary areas encompass everything you are and have:

Heart:

Your passion, affections, emotions, desires, zeal, your burn.

Soul:

Your unique personality expressed by word and deeds, your emotions, who you really are.

Mind:

Your intellect, contemplation, thought patterns, your self-talk, the things you meditate on.

Strength:

Your energy, resources, time, talents & treasure.

Biblical Foundations of Worship: 7 Big Ideas

A framework to simplify a lot of information

1 Worship is All About God (*The Doctrine of God*)

Seems so obvious doesn't it? Of course Christian worship should be all about God. Not about music. Not about pleasing the people who come. Not about attracting people who are not yet coming.

Worship is the love language God wants to hear. It's how we relate to Him. Worship is when humans give God glory by praising and thanking Him for His goodness, holiness, power and mercy.

One purpose of God-centered worship is to transform the human heart. Worship by design should direct the worshipers focus off of self and onto the One worthy of full attention.

That's honor. Worship is all about God.

1. Spirit and truth worship is rooted in considering and proclaiming the identity, the essence of God. We declare the truth about God and ascribe to Him the glory due His name. Then we are positioned to be filled with *the knowledge of God*.
2. **Principle: We become what we behold.**
 - a. *"We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord"* (2 Corinthians 3:18, NKJV).
 - b. *So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.* Psalm 63:2
 - c. *"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, and [insistently] require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my life, to behold and gaze upon the beauty [the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the Lord and to meditate, consider, and inquire in His temple."* Psalm 27:4 Amplified
3. **Who is God?**
 - a. "I am who I am" Ex 3:14
 - b. "Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end" Revelation 1:8
 - c. The king "eternal, immortal, invisible" 1 Timothy 1:17
 - d. God is love 1 John 4:8 & 16
 - e. God is good Psalm 100:5
4. *Presence of God Experience Exercise: Attributes of God [Appendix]*
5. *Presence of God Experience Exercise: Names of God [Appendix]*
6. We learn that
 - a. God is transcendent – He is not like us
 - b. God is imminent – is very close
7. **Delight in God (Psalm 37:4) , He delights in you (Psalm 149:4)**
8. **Reflection Questions**
 - a. How focused is your worship on One Thing?
 - b. Are there some attributes lacking; overemphasized?
 - c. Challenge : How can you get beyond religious cliché in expressing these truths?

2 Christian Worship is Trinitarian

1. Christian worship centers on God's specific revelation as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. Not some vague generic "lord" or ethereal force. How this all works and makes sense is a mystery.
3. The Trinity represents the relational essence of God as love.
4. God has always existed as Father, Son, Holy Spirit before He created anything.
5. The Trinity reflects God as a perfect communion (close relationship) of love. God is a community. God is a relationship.
6. His community was, is, and will be complete, perfect and totally satisfied in and of himself. Since God is love ... the Father, Son , Holy Spirit are in a love relationship. Adoration has been going on in the Godhead for eternity.
7. God invites us into this relationship, because He us a relationship.
8. God invites us into His community, because He is a community.
9. Question: How Trinitarian are your worship practices?

3 Christian Worship is Cristocentric = Jesus is Lord !

1. The major point of differentiation and defining characteristic of Christian worship is the centrality of Jesus Christ as Son of God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
2. *"Jesus is the central and defining figure in the spiritual life. His life is, precisely, revelation. He brings out into the open what we could never have figured out for ourselves , never guessed in a million years. He is "God among us." God speaking, acting, healing, helping. Salvation is the big word into which all these words fit. The name Jesus means "God saves". God present and at work saving in our language, and in our history. The 4 gospels tell us everything we need to know about Jesus. And Jesus tells us everything we need to know about God."* Eugene Peterson, "Christ Plays in 10,000 Places"
3. Simply put, every Christian worship service should boldly declare in some manner, **Jesus is Lord!**
4. Reflection Question: How clearly and often do you proclaim Jesus as Lord in your worship? Songs?

#4 The Holy Spirit is Alive and Well and Bigger Than Our Boxes

Since God is Spirit, worship must be in Spirit and in Truth. (John 4:24) It is the presence of the Spirit of God that inspires, enables and empowers Christian worship.

We can produce a technologically awesome, impressive, emotional, audio visual experience, but that doesn't mean God is in it.

We can participate in a theologically perfect liturgy or worship service, but that doesn't mean God is in it.

Casual contemporary or formal tradition makes no difference to the Holy Spirit. He can be present or absent in either.

Reflection Question: Is the Holy Spirit leading our expression of worship? How would you know?

Discuss:

1. The role of the Holy Spirit in gathered worship
 - a. Planned (led by the Spirit)
 - b. Spontaneous (also led by the Spirit)

2. The Presence of God – “God shows up” – (we show up)
 1. Shekinah glory – manifest presence
 2. Exodus 40:34 “the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle”
 3. 1 Kings 8:11 “the glory of the Lord filled His temple”
 4. Isaiah 6:7 – Isaiah’s encounter
 5. Acts 2 – Pentecost, Wind & Fire

5 Patterns and Rhythms

Our lives flow in rhythms and seasons. God designed the patterns of time – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 12 months a year, 4 seasons to the year, and so on. Throughout scripture, God revealed himself in sacred time and sacred space.

The Biblical narrative describes worship at specific times and places. One primary example - the weekly Sabbath, “Remember the Lords day and keep it Holy.” Other special times of worship are in the Old Testament festivals. Additionally, the Christian calendar helps us deepen our awareness of God throughout the year

Simply put, God is into calendar.

Question: How is our expression of worship oriented or influenced by the calendar?

1. **Sacred Space:** Consider the design of the Tabernacle [Exodus 25-40] and the Temple [1 Kings 6:2–38 and 2 Chronicles 3:3–14]
2. *“The floor plan, arrangement of furnishings and order of worship in the Old Testament sanctuaries were all intended to lead the worshiper through a series of experiences that culminated in a close encounter with the Holy God”* (Enter His Courts With Praise, p.189 Andrew Hill)
3. **Sacred Time: Rhythms of life**
 - a. Sabbath – The Lord’s day
 - b. Hebrew Calendar - sacred times (Leviticus 23& 25) Passover, the Feasts of Unleavened bread, the Offering of First Fruits, Festival of Weeks, Festival of Trumpets, day of Atonement, Festival of Booths (or Tabernacles)
 - c. Christian Calendar could be considered an extension of this (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost)
4. **Patterns of corporate encounter [Approach]**
 - a. Liturgical Psalms (5, 24, 50, 68, 81-82, 134)
 - b. Biblical worship services (1 Kings 8, Nehemiah 8/9)
 - c. Use of psalms, hymns, spiritual songs (Eph 5:19, Col 3:16)
5. **Sacraments as acts of worship:** all communicate a revelation of God
 - a. Eucharist (communion),
 - b. Baptism
 - c. Others - Marriage, Anointing , Ordination

#6 Actions and Attitudes

It's not just about what you think, it's about what you do. Throughout scripture there are specific heart attitudes to be expressed outwardly.

"Sing!"

"Give thanks"

"Shout for joy"

"Clap your hands" and so forth.

Sincere participation in the actions of worship changes, transforms and humbles our hearts to produce attitudes of reverence, faith and joy.

Question: Is our expression of worship rich in biblical actions and attitudes?

1. The attitudes of worship therefore are:

- a. Humility
 - b. Thankfulness, Gratitude
 - c. Repentance
 - d. All the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love joy peace patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control
 - e. Childlike faith (Mathew 19:14) , *more...*
2. *These dispositions enlarge our hearts capacity to love Him*
 3. Our outward actions reflect an inward attitude. Praise is expressive, it is seen and heard.
 - a. Use of Voice: Psalm 35:28, 104:33, 32:11
 - b. Use of Hands: Psalm 63:4, 47:1, 1 Chron 23:5
 - c. Use of Body : Psalm 135:2, 95:6, 114:2
 4. Significant Hebrew words for praise / worship: (Instructional Song: Shabach)

<u>WORD</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>ATTITUDE</u>
Shabach	Shout	Confident in God's ability
Barach	Kneel, bless the Lord	Humility
Yadah	the extended hand	Thankful
Towdah	the raised hand	Adoration
Taquah	Clap, applaud	Victorious
Hallal	Celebrate extravagantly	Joyful, Jubilant
Tehillah	Sing the word in the spirit	Instruction, Encourage
Tephillah	Sing prayer, intercession	Petition
Korah	Dance	Celebration

#7 We Remember and Anticipate (Ancient / Future)

In the Bible, when God's people gathered together, they re-called the history of God at work in their lives. They remembered "his mighty saving acts."

In worship, we remember who God is and what He has done. We remind ourselves who we are now, "new creations."

We remember the promises of God and we anticipate what God is going to do. Jesus is returning. Satan will be defeated. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. There will be a celebration, "the Spirit and the bride say come."

Question: How does our expression of worship remember the past and anticipate the future?

1. *"The road to the future is through the past."* Robert Webber. Ancient Future Worship
2. God's story: Creation / Fall / Incarnation / Re - creation
3. God's history with his people – we are connected to the past
 - a. Genesis: Created Good - in the image of God who seeks the salvation and renewal of fallen creation
 - b. Revelation: The future - New Heavens and a New Earth, all things will be made new. Eschatology.
4. Psalm 136, A song of God's history with Israel
5. Acts 7, Stephens sermon recounting God's story

6. God Vision for Worship.

He is looking for a people, prepared to be His bride.

7. Exodus 6:7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.
8. Lev 26:12 I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people
9. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him
10. This theme is repeated throughout scripture

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