

**August 12 | Sunday**

Camp Sunday

Read [Luke 19:37-40](#)



**13 | Mon – Spontaneous praise** | Read [Luke 19:35-40](#)

Ever been to a parade? Probably never one like this. Jesus rides into town, surrounded by a crowd of disciples, and an this impromptu celebration erupts. Shouts of excitement, palm branches waving, praises to God for all the miracles and for how Jesus had changed their lives. If you made a list of everything God has done for you, your family and friends over your lifetime so far, what are some of the things you would be celebrating?

**14 | Tue – Worthy** | Read [Psalm 103](#)

What is worship anyway? This term, used most often in religious context, actually came from combining two Old English words ‘worthy’ + ‘ship’. Have you ever considered God’s worth? Is God someone deserving your love and admiration? When you think about God’s character and attributes as demonstrated by Jesus’ life on earth, what kind of person is this God you have committed your life to?

**15 | Wed – It’s personal** | Read [Psalm 40:1-3](#)

Who would have a deeper gratitude, the jubilant spectators watching from the beach or the drowning man saved by a lifeguard? If you are one who has been rescued by a powerful and loving God when you were drowning in life’s difficult circumstances, worship will just pour out of you; it will not feel forced or contrived. If your worship has become dry and routine lately, maybe it is time to reconnect with God’s heart for you?

**16 | Thu – Where and how** | Read [Psalm 100:1-6](#) and [John 4:19-24](#)

Where should we worship? How should we worship? What position should we take - stand, sit, kneel, hands folded, hands raised? What words should we say? Should we speak loudly or whisper quietly? Should we sing or dance or play music? And what is God is looking for in a worshipper? What does it mean to “worship in the spirit and in truth”?

**17 | Fri – More than just words** | Read [Matthew 15:1-9](#)

It is possible to ‘worship’ God with your mouth but have a disengaged heart. Jesus confronted this disconnect when talking with the religious leaders of his day. They were following the prescribed worship rituals but for many of them, their hearts were not focused on honoring God. How can you become more heart-engaged when you worship? Maybe it is a good idea to ask occasionally “Why am I doing this?” or “Who am I doing this for?”

**18 | Sat – Your greatest act of worship** | Read [Romans 12:1-2](#)

Is it easier to worship God on Sunday in the company of other Christians but more difficult the rest of the week? Paul suggests that our greatest act of worship is to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. How do you do that? It starts in the mind when you set aside the status quo and start thinking for yourself, measuring what you do on a daily basis with what you believe Jesus would do in your circumstances. If you think like Jesus, then you will act like Jesus.