

**To God be the Glory!**  
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**1 Corinthians 10:31**, *“Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

**Matthew 5:10**, *“YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.”*

Worship is clearly important in Scripture. But what is the purpose of worship?

**One of four key purposes of why we gather is:**

1. To glorify God.

**John 4:23-24**, *“An hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

**When we gather in a Christian assembly, there are 5 key acts of worship:**

1. Communicating directly with God through prayer.

2. Singing praises to God.

**1 Corinthians 14:15**, *“I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.”*

3. Partaking of the Lord’s Supper.

4. Proclaiming the word of God.

**Acts 20:7**, *“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them...and he prolonged his message until midnight.”*

**Luke 24:1; 30; 45-46**, *“On the first day of the week...Jesus reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them....Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written...”*

**James 3:1**, *“Let not many of you become teachers...knowing that as such we will incur stricter judgment.”*

**Matthew 11:15**, *“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”*

## **5. Giving.**

**Romans 12:10; 13**, *“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love...contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.”*

**James 2:14-17**, *“What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.”*

**Acts 4:32**, *“The congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.”*

**Acts 11:29-30**, *“And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.”*

**1 Corinthians 16:1-3**, *“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come. When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem.”*

**Philippians 4:20**, *“Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever more. Amen.”*

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