

Level Up! Developing Deeper Intimacy with Christ

Do you feel like you have hit a plateau in your life with Christ? Maybe your faith feels static, immature, or impersonal. God wants more for you! If you have attended church you have heard that worship, prayer, Bible study, and service are how we grow in our faith, but how do we actually incorporate these disciplines into our lives? Join us for a 6-week series that will dig deeper into these tools to discover how you can equip them, by God's grace, and develop deeper intimacy with your Father.

July 19, 2026 - Part 3: Worship

Do you come to worship expecting to encounter God through worship?

We are Wired to _____

Textbook Definition

Worship: Act of profound love, devotion, or submission to anything or anyone

Greek New Testament Definition

Proskuneo (προσκυνέω): "to kiss toward" or to bow down and prostrate oneself

Romans 1:21-25- For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.**

Who or what is on the throne of your life today? How do you worship them?

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Exodus 20:2-5 "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God"

2 Corinthians 11:2 "I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him"

How is godly jealousy different from human jealousy?

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

We are Wired to _____ by _____

Psalm 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Psalm 33:1-3 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Psalm 147:1 Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Psalm 104:33 I will sing to the Lord all my life. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

How are our songs an outpouring of whatever is in our heart?

Revelation 19:6-7 Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

What holds you back from singing in worship?

2 Samuel 6:21-22 - I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen*



TODAY: Teams Sunday!

Come by the Teams table at the end of each service to learn more about and sign up to serve on Teams! You'll be able to learn more about all the ways you can serve at and with The Story Church, ask your questions, and get plugged in with a serving opportunity.



Serve Night for Main Street Ministries

Join us on Thursday, August 27 from 6-8:30pm as we partner with Main Street Ministries to provide and serve a meal to Cross Walk participants! Visit **thestory.church/events** to read more about how you can serve & register today as spots are limited.



Starting Point Class

New to The Story? Our next Starting Point course will take place on Sundays at 12:15pm starting July 26. This class takes place over three weeks and is a great way to take your next step at The Story. Learn more and register: **thestory.church/events**