



REAL CHURCH - Week 3.

Real Worship

A Lenten Toolkit has been compiled to help with this study; it can be found on our website. These studies will be utilized during a Church reflection at Café Church on the 27th April 2014

Readings

Romans 12: 1-8; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11; John 4: 21-26; and Psalm 95: 1-7a

Prayer, Praise and Meditation. As an act of worship and thanksgiving pray our loud Psalm 95: 1-7a

Real Worship

On Sunday we considered the Concept, Character and Content of Worship. A brief summary of that focus is recorded here for you to consider and meditate upon before focusing on the Gifts of the Spirit (please use the recorded sermon if needed on the website):

The Concept of Worship: Romans 12:1, a sacrificial life

The Character of Worship: John 4: 21-26. Two aspects of Worship; In Spirit (it can take place anywhere & anytime, it comes from the heart and it is person-to-Person) and in Truth.

The Content of Worship; previous Acts passages, Romans and 1 Corinthians. The Content of Worship includes: Acts of Worship including Real Truth, Prayer & Fellowship; a Life of Worship (seven days a week); and Gifts for Worship (see following).

What lessons for corporate and personal Worship do you draw from these truths; how will you now apply these truths, put them into practice?

Gifts for Worship – The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12

We began our focus on this passage in Real Church – What the Holy Spirit does. It was further explored during Café Church with a request to study these gifts further; here is a short study to assist: Read the passage and consider who the gifts are for, what they are for (vs. 7) and what they are/are not (vs. 8-11 / 4-6).

The gifts can be grouped as follows; consider each gift and how it might glorify God and help in worship, think of biblical examples:

Revelation Gifts: A word of wisdom: a tiny portion of God's wisdom given supernaturally for a given purpose. **A word of knowledge:** a specific piece of knowledge from God that brings about a conviction of the truth, it can confirm something that God has been showing by some other means and sometimes it prepares us for the future. **Ability to discern spirits:** the ability to discern, recognise the difference between, spirits (e.g. knowing the difference between the Holy Spirit, good angels, demons or evil spirits and human spirits).

The Power Gifts: The gift of Faith: the impartation of divine faith to humanity, miraculous faith in the moment of need. This is not the faith for salvation nor faith as the fruit of the Spirit more the mustard seed faith that can move mountains. **The gift of healing:** a healing that relieves the body of disease or injury that may be gradual, instantaneous or even imperceptible; but it is a gift given by the Holy Spirit through a person by whom the gift is manifest.

The gift of miracles: A God given ability which demonstrates the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit at work.

The Vocal Gifts: Tongues: the ability given by the Holy Spirit to speak in a language not understood by the speaker.

Interpretation of tongues: therefore in this context it is the ability given by the Holy Spirit to speak in a language understood by the speaker, the meaning of the words previously spoken in an unknown language. **Prophecy:** the ability to speak words given by the Holy Spirit in a language understood by the speaker.

What do you agree/disagree with? We are told to desire the greater gifts (31) – which are these and what would you want to pray for? How do these gifts help orderly worship (1 Cor. 14)?

Future Study

Note items for further study at Café Church on the 27th April?

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Real God, Real Church, Real Lives