**Series: Soul Search**

**Today: How to Make Worship Wonderful**

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# *Ecclesiastes 5*

*Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.*

***2****Do not be quick with your mouth,  
    do not be hasty in your heart  
    to utter anything before God.  
God is in heaven  
    and you are on earth,  
    so let your words be few.****3****A dream comes when there are many cares,  
    and many words mark the speech of a fool.*

***4****When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow.****5****It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it.****6****Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, “My vow was a mistake.” Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands?****7****Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore fear God.*

***Psalm 130:3-4***

But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared*.*

***I Samuel 15:22.***

*But Samuel replied:  "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices   as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD ?   To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.*

1. Make worship to God a reality, not formality.

***Mark 7:6***

*He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:  " 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*

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2. Ingredients of Healthy Worship

2. Worship Rights

**A. Celebration**

***Acts 20:7***

*On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.*

***Psalm 47:1***

*Clap your hands, all you nations;   
shout to God with cries of joy.*

**B. Reverence**

***Acts 20:7***

*On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.*

***Hebrews 12:28****Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe …*

# C. Instruction

***Acts 20:7-12***

*On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.8There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. 9Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.*

*10Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" 11Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. 12The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.*

***Acts 2:42***

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

***I Thessalonians 2:13***

*And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.*

**D. Encouragement**

***Hebrews 10:24-25***

***24****And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,****25****not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*