



Worship

an integral part of your family mobilization strategy

*Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of **worship**. NASU*

God likens service to worship. **Shouldn't our worship celebration services therefore reflect how God sees service?**

Include children in the worship service. If you want to emphasize family service, you have to begin to alter structures so that family's can be together. Age grading is convenient but ineffective and counterproductive to family solidarity. Studies have also shown that it is not working in terms of providing adequate education for either youth or adults.

Worship songs should reflect God's passion for reaching out to widows, orphans, immigrants, the poor, the weak, the oppressed, and the lost.

Worship services can be enhanced through video and powerpoint to music presentations that are designed to not only inform participants about need in the world, but move their hearts to do something, to care, to give, to volunteer. When we draw near God we should begin to hear what is near to God's heart, "*Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?*" (Isa. 6:8)

Worship services should somehow connect us with the greater body of Christ in the world. What fellow brothers or sisters in Christ experience living in Muslim countries, or suffering through famine, or struggling under oppression, or staggering under poverty should be brought before us so we do not develop callused or indifferent hearts. **People must grasp the reality that when one part of the body of Christ suffers, the whole body suffers.** Again, videos, PowerPoint presentations, drama, art can all be used to enhance worship and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to people.

Worship services should reflect God's heart for the world and not merely our desire to have an emotional or spiritual experience. The emphasis should reinforce obedience.

It is important that people be led to confession, and adoration but **true repentance leads to a change of lifestyle.**

1 Sam 15:22

"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices (celebratory worship) as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice...NIV