

Oh Let Us Come and Worship the Lord (Part 5)

The People of Worship

(Acts 2:40-47)

Introduction: The backdrop of our text is the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to indwell all believers. Peter is preaching and God is moving as souls are being saved and the church is being birthed and built! In Acts 2:47 we read the attraction of the first church, was her true worship! In doing so, they found favor with God and man. And, in Acts 5:28b, we read they (the church) filled the city with their doctrine and turned the world upside down. The church, which is (the people of worship) were as one writer put it, “Winsome, attractive and dynamic! A true worshiping church is a built up church that is attractive to those who experience her!

I want to tell you today, the biggest attraction to the church ought to be the people of worship, worshipping! While it is not our job to promote the church! It is our job to promote the true worship of the church by becoming the people of true worship! So, how can we make sure our worship, is the most attractive thing about us? Here is how...

Preference: The role of the church is first, acting in obedience to Christ to make disciples, to tell others about Christ and to serve the world. But, we must know our goals if we are to be effective and attractive in our worship. (So, today I want to give you five things to consider...)

I. The goal of the people of worship is not to grow the church numerically.

1. **Pushing for numerical growth for the church is unbiblical.** (v.47)
2. **As we understand from scripture it was God who grew their number.**
3. **In the church, if or when we pursue growth, we are placing our aim on the one thing that God tells us He will provide.**
 - a. In the end, a church that pursues numeric growth will end up with people worshipping themselves and what they want instead of God.
 - b. Our goal is not numerical growth; it is spiritual growth and depth that comes from knowing God personally and experientially through true worship.

II. The goal of the people of worship “is to” inform and inspire believers and non-believers toward Christ and obedience to His commands:

A. **Promotion of the church, should always, takes a back seat to the core functions of the church.**

B. **There is nothing wrong with promoting our church (i.e. advertising and inviting people)** So long as we see it as a supporting element and not a core function.

1. We can and should use media tools, to brag on what God is doing in your lives and in and through His church. (and I encourage you to do so often and regularly)!
2. But, whenever we do this, we want our media posts and personal testimonies, to inform and inspire people toward Christ and obedience to His commands.

III. The goal of the people of worship, is for people to know God’s Word, and to see their lives in relationship to it.

A. **The church revolves around God’s Word–**

B. **The church gathers together to learn God’s Word, share God’s Word and obey His Word** (Mt. 28:18-20; 1 Tim 4:13; Col. 3;16, 17)

IV. The goal of the people of worship, is, we want our congregation to be informed as to the opportunities for service available to them.

- A. **Serving God is an act of worship.**(vv. 44, 45; Rom. 12:1, 2; 1 Cor. 12)
- B. **There is nothing quite so attractive as a congregation gathered together loving and serving one another in an act of worship to God!**

V. The goal of the people of worship is, we want the church to be equipped with tools to share the gospel, locally and globally.

A. **We give tithes and offerings to support different missions**

B. **But, true worshippers of God have a great impact on the lost around them as well.**

Conclusion: The biggest attraction to our church will be *the people of worship, truly worshipping!*