

# ***The Discipline of Corporate Worship***

*Selected Scriptures*

**Introduction:** God is the only being in the universe worthy of worship. He loves it when we worship him – not only because it glorifies him – but because it's good for us. This morning we want to look at how to break through the roadblocks to corporate worship so that we can experience God's loving leadership in the worship experience.

- 1. *PROBLEMS WITH CORPORATE WORSHIP – Many people come to corporate worship unprepared.***
  - A. 1<sup>st</sup> reason – We live in a highly individualized culture; we don't think our participation matters.
  - B. 2<sup>nd</sup> reason – We come into corporate worship with a consumer mentality.
  - C. 3<sup>rd</sup> reason – We don't feel spiritually needy, so we just go through the motions.
  - D. 4<sup>th</sup> reason – We're too busy.
  - E. But it shouldn't be this way. God highly values our participation in corporate worship.
  
- 2. *PREPARING FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP – This habit opens up a pathway to increased intimacy with God.***
  - A. How I learned to prepare.
  - B. Think about preparing like you think about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Some practical things you can do on Saturday night and Sunday morning.
  
- 3. *PARTICIPATING IN CORPORATE WORSHIP – Expect God to do three things in corporate worship.***
  - A. Expect for God to address your *mind* in corporate worship. Psalm 73:1-20
  - B. Expect for God to address your *emotions* in corporate worship. Ezra 6:19-22
  - C. Expect for God to address your *will* in corporate worship. Acts 13:1-4
  - D. *Application* – Open yourself up to God.