

Tips on How to Worship Well

Asbury Church, Highland Heights, KY

Before *the Worship Service ...*

- **Pray.** Pray for the worship leaders, fellow worshippers, visitors, and yourself throughout the week, especially on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Pray that all might give themselves fully — that God will be glorified and lives changed.
- **Study Ahead.** Look for the theme, sermon, and Scriptures for the Sunday ahead and study and ponder them. Prepare your mind as well as your heart to worship. Themes, sermons and texts can often be found in *The Weekly* and our website.
- **Invite.** Ask Jesus to point you to people that might need an invitation to be in His presence, hear His Word, and receive His grace.

During *the Worship Service ...*

- **Expect.** Expect to meet God. Expect to hear from God and respond. Expect to give fully of yourself as you worship. Expect to be changed.
- **Focus.** Give yourself time to quiet yourself before God. Seek His presence. Let go of distractions. Make yourself available to whatever God is up to in this moment.
- **Participate.** Worshipping is actively giving yourself to God. Don't become a spectator waiting for something to happen — give yourself actively in adoring God and responding to Him. Worship is primarily about God, not you.
- **Give your Best.** Sing, pray, praise, listen, confess, give, respond with the best you have to offer. No leftovers. No half-hearted efforts. Give the best of who you are and what you have to God.
- **Be Authentic.** Come with all that makes you who you are. No fronts or facades. Be honest with God, others, and yourself about who and where you are. It really is okay that everything is not okay in your life and living.
- **Appreciate Diversity.** Not every act of worship may inspire you or connect with you. Appreciate that God connects with people in various ways.
- **Share Love.** Reach out around you to share a word, a smile, a gesture to those who may need encouragement and love. Be sure to welcome angels unaware.

After *the Worship Service ...*

- **Take It With You.** As God fills your spirit, go to serve in His name. Don't leave on the church steps what you have committed to God in worship. Go to be different, to make a difference — for Christ in the week and weeks ahead.
- **Worship All Week.** Allow worship to saturate all of your life and living. Worship on Sunday creates a life of worship — that all we do and say honors and glorifies God.