

A Worship Minute ...

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Worship has been described as the highest calling and privilege in the Christian's life. When we come together it is an opportunity to celebrate all that God is and all He has done for us. It's an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Him and one another, to experience His love afresh, and to be changed by the power of His Spirit.

Worship begins with God.

That may seem an obvious statement, but it's something we can miss. We live in an alarmingly self-oriented society, where the bottom line to every choice we make, from relationships to religion, seems to be: "...but does it make me happy?"

If we're not careful we can bring this attitude into church, and even into our worship. We can come looking for the experience, for the 'warm feelings', or looking for God to lift the weight of our burdens and make us feel better. And, of course, none of these things are wrong in themselves. But when they take centre-stage in our thinking, we put ourselves in the place that God should be. Worship needs to be focused on what God requires, not on our own needs or desires. The best way to stay God-focused is to sing songs, read Scriptures and pray prayers about Him!