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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Selected Scripture

### **“What is Worship?”**

- My definition: “Worship is all that we are, responding to all that God has revealed Himself to be, initiated and empowered by His Holy Spirit.”
  
- Paul’s definition: “I beseech you therefore brothers, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” (Romans 1:12)
  
- Jesus’ definition: John 4:3-26.
  - Why “spirit” and “truth”?
  
  - We are the worshippers the Father is seeking!

What happens when we encounter God in worship?

1. God-encounter--changes our reality.

2. Salvation of the lost.

*“It has happened again and again. As the people of God worship together, lifting their hearts to God and experiencing His infinite blessing, their faces shine because they’re in His presence. That has an impact on the people of the world that is impossible to measure. All our apologetics and evangelistic methods can never duplicate the impact of a true worshiper.”*

--Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. from *The Ultimate Priority*

3. Restoration of worship--not eternity in heaven-- is the bottom line of the plan of salvation!