





# ***Commit to Community***

***They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.***

***Act 2:42-47***





It's About Time!



# ***The Actions of the Church***

**Praying,**

**Learning,**

**Fellowshipping, and**

**“The Breaking of Bread”**

**(Worshiping)**





# ***The Monster We Created***

**When we say come to church, we are more specifically focused on 10:30AM Sunday morning**

**This is the slot we call our “Worship Service”**

**Like most churches in the U.S., we are a “worship service centric” church**

**That makes the “Worship Service” the entry door to the church**



# ***The Monster We Created***

**We are then trying to bring people that have no or little relationship with God into an environment that is supposed to be focused on a God they have no connection with.**

**We understand we are trying to reach these people and since the worship is where we want them to start then we try to modify worship to make it “relevant”**

**This creates a bounty of issues**



# ***The Monster We Created***

**You cannot build an experience everybody can relate to there are just too many differences**

**Worship has become a Physical (must Attend)  
Intellectual (must Learn – Sermon)  
And an Emotional (must Feel – Music)  
Experience**

**The focus is taken off God**

**Worship becomes connection via receiving not giving**







# ***Worship no Longer Worship***

***“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”***

***John 4:23-24***

**Jesus advertised a worship relationship that was not about the where or the when**



**Did you ever really notice that God is only interested in the worshippers that are interested in him.**



# ***Music and Worship***

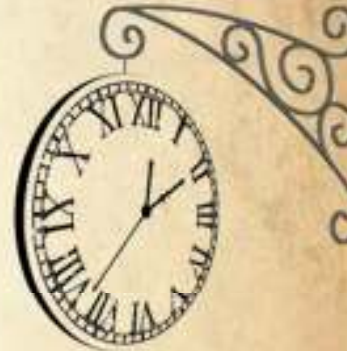
**All throughout scripture music and worship have been intertwined**

**They are close to inseparable**

**Exodus 15:1    Colossians 3:16**

**Ephesians 5:19-20    Hebrews 2:12**

**Heavenly Worship will  
Incorporate Music  
(Revelation 14:3-4)**



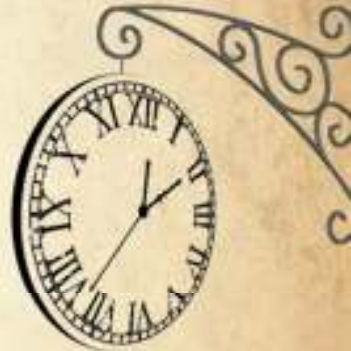


# ***Music and Worship***

***He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'"***

***Mark 7:6-7***

# ***Worship is a much Simpler Concept***



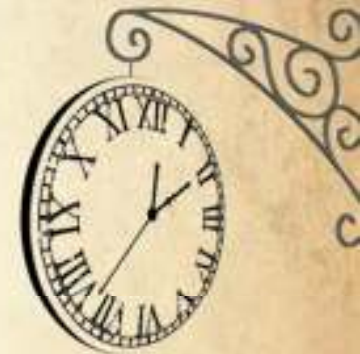


# ***Simple Worship***

**When we read Acts 2:42-47 we do not even see the word worship.**

**It does not mention music specifically**

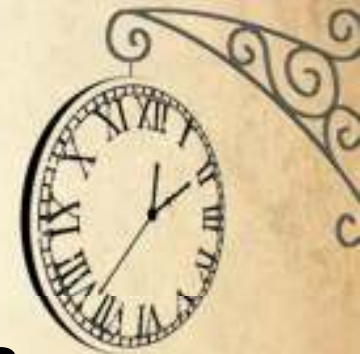
**It does give us three important phrases we should pay attention to when we do “corporate worship.”**





# ***Simple Worship***

## **Getting in Step with Worship**




***“Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles”***

**People were excited**

**Worship does not have to be entertaining but it does need to be engaging**



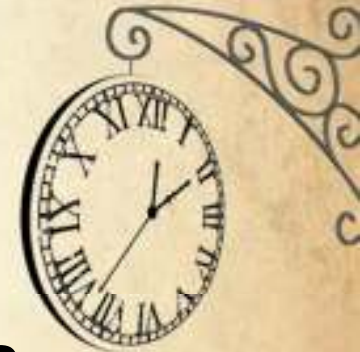
**A large part of worship is the curiosity of what God will do next**





# ***Simple Worship***

## **Getting in Step with Worship**



***“Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles”***

**Worship does not need pyrotechnics, but it does need a spark**

**They came to worship with the anticipation that God would show up**

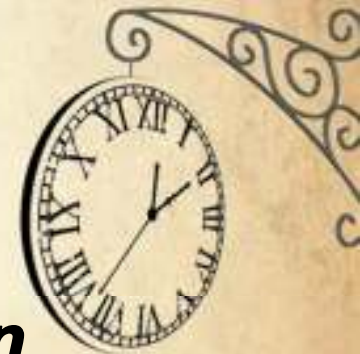






# ***Simple Worship***

## **“The Breaking of Bread”**



***While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them.***

***Mark 14:22-24***



# ***They met with Jesus***





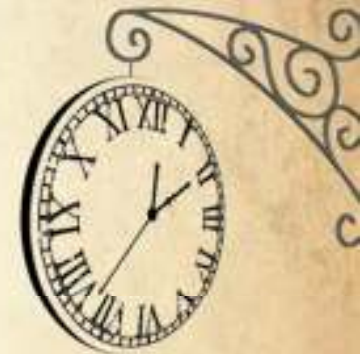
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## **“The Breaking of Bread”**

**The purposeful part is that it is a time of evaluating my relationship with Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:23-28)**

**Worship is the natural response when we meet Jesus (Matthew 28:9)**

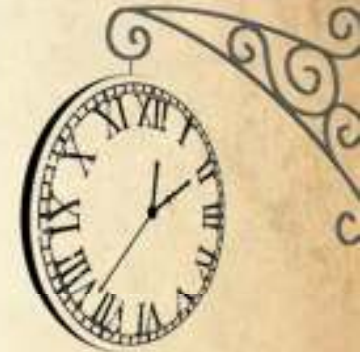
***Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.***





# ***Simple Worship***

## **“Praising God”**



**It does not specifically say music (Psalm 149:1)**

**You can praise him with body motion. (Psalm 134:2)**

**You can shout (Psalm 71:23)**

**You can praise in prayer (Isaiah 63:7)**

**Through Scripture Reading and Serving  
(1 Peter 4:11)**





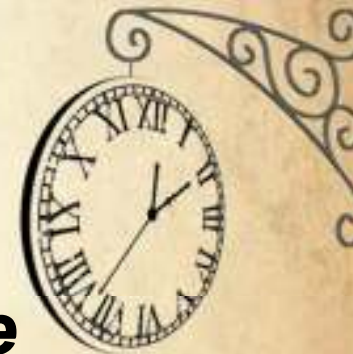


# ***Simple Worship***

**“It’s Not About the How”**

***Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.***

**Psalm 150**



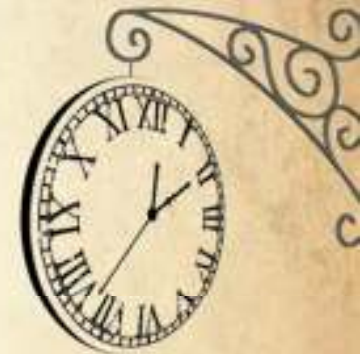


# ***Simple Worship***

**“It’s About the WHO!”**

***At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”***

***Revelation 19:10***





**Whose Drumbeat are  
We Marching To?**