

“Freedom in Worship”
2 Samuel 6
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Scripture Reading -2 Samuel 6:12-18

1. Worship has the mind upon truth. (6:5-7)
2. Worship must be based in mercy. (6:13,17)
3. Worship is done with all our might. (6:14)
4. Worship is with merriment. (6:12b,15-16,21)
5. Worship is with music. (6:5)
6. Worship is not about ME!

Application:

1. Evaluate your concept and practice of worshipping the Lord. How does it compare with David’s expression of worship? What have you learned today?
2. Confess any element of your worship that has been self-focused. Ask the Lord to give you a new level of freedom in worshipping Him.

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion
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1. Describe your level of "freedom in worship." (1-10 with 10 having total freedom and 1 having no freedom) What does it mean to have "freedom in worship?" Should there be a difference of "freedom" in private worship and in public worship?
2. Discuss the atmosphere of the nation of Israel as they anticipated the arrival of the Ark of the Covenant. (2 Sam. 6:5) (Also Psalm 150)
3. What happened in the middle of the procession of worship? (2 Sam. 6:6-7) Even though they had great enthusiasm there needed to be a foundation of truth for their worship. (John 4:24) What example were they following in the transport of the ark? (1 Sam. 6:7) What instructions should they had been following? (Ex. 25:12-15) Why is truth so important in our worship today?
4. As David began his new attempt to bring the Ark of the Covenant into the land, what did he do? (2 Sam. 6:13,17) What role does mercy and grace have in our desire to worship? How does "mercy" change our worship of the Lord? (Heb. 4:16) People that have experienced God's mercy are people of great worship. Share with one another your experience of mercy from God.
5. Worship of the Lord is to be done with all your might! (2 Sam. 6:14) The Message paraphrase says "great abandon." Discuss what the Bible says about "dance."
 - Ex. 15:20 –
 - Ps. 30:11 –
 - Ps. 149:3 –
 - Ps. 150:4 –
 - Lk. 15:25 –
 - Eccl. 3:4 –
6. Read 2 Sam. 6:12-15, 21 and describe the volume of true worship. What does "rejoicing" look like in your worship of the Lord? (Phil. 4:4; Ps. 9:2, 14; 31:7) Why do we tend to be quiet at church?
7. True worship is not about me! Identify David's focus on the Lord as he worshipped. (2 Sam. 6:5, 14, 21-22) Discuss the many ways we tend to make worship about us. Pray for a new freedom in worship individually and as a church.