

- **Towdah** - an extension of the hand; thanksgiving; thanksgiving for things not yet received; a choir of worshipers; Psalm 56:11-12.
  - **Tehillah** - a spontaneous song, laudation, a hymn; Psalm 22:3; good, good father.
  - **Barak** - to kneel; to bless God as an act of adoration; to thank, to salute; Psalm 103.
  - **Shabach** - to address in a loud tone, to shout, to commend; glory and triumph; Psalm 145:4.
- 3) Of these seven Hebrew words, which one do you most associate with worship?
  - 4) There is a deeper meaning to worship, and it is about the life we live. How can everyday things we do be an act of worship?
  - 5) Share a time in your life when you expressed one of these Hebrew words of worship in your life. If you can't think of one, answer this instead: What can you do to greater incorporate one of these expressions of worship into your life?
  - 6) How is giving of your resources an act of worship?

## CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Think and pray through the following questions.

- 1) What ways do I show Jesus that I love him?
- 2) How does my giving impact my worship?
- 3) What other ways do I worship?

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“...to Worship”

Pastor Craig Sweeney | February 18, 2024

**Thread:** When you fall hard in love, you don't look to GIVE the LEAST, you look to give the MOST you can. You put thought into it.

### The weight of WORSHIP

- We all start at the same place today...GOD doesn't NEED anything from us.

*“As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ He looked at them and said, ‘Go show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, ‘Praise God!’ He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, ‘Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?’ And Jesus said to the man, ‘Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.’ – Luke 17:11-19*

### Jesus cared very much about their response to His kindness.

- Jesus did not withhold His healing even though they showed no gratitude.
- God's gifts are not purchased by us. They are freely given; not exchanges.
- All ten received the same gift from Jesus, but only one pleased the heart of Jesus.
- LET'S be CLEAR: When I give to God, I am NOT buying His favor. I am showing gratitude for an incredible gift.

*“Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor. ‘What is your request?’ he asked. She replied, ‘In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.’ But Jesus answered by saying to them, ‘You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?’ ‘Oh yes,’ they replied, ‘we are able!’ Jesus told them, ‘You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.’ When the ten other disciples heard what*

*James and John had asked, they were indignant. But Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.'* – Matthew 20:20-28

### What is the Gospel?

- Ephesians 2:1-9

### How could I not live my life in gratefulness as an act of worship in response to the gift of God?

- Romans 11:33 – 12:2

### Worship is:

- My new life, my thinking, my doing, His way.

### Challenge:

- How will I use my life as an act of worship to God? Do I need to change my thinking to reflect Jesus' teaching?
- How has my thinking been changed about giving?
- Will I commit to pray regarding what my LOVE/WORSHIP backed by my GIVING would look like?

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## Life Group Homework

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Winter 2024 | Week 6

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### MY STORY



- 1) What's the most bizarre or interesting job you can imagine having for just one day?
- 2) Would you rather have the power to time travel but not be able to change the past, or be able to read minds but only when people are thinking about food?

### QUICK REVIEW



- 1) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

### DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



Read: Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)

- 1) What is worship?
- 2) What was the Samaritan's response to Jesus after he was healed, and how is that worship?

Last summer Pastor Ryan taught a Life Group Lab on the seven different Hebrew words that we translate into praise. Our English does not hold enough capacity for the full meaning of what it means to praise and worship. I am including my notes from his lab below. Read through the list, look up the corresponding passages, and answer the following questions.

- **Yadah** - to revere, worship and hold out hands; Psalms 67:3; a posture of praise to God.
- **Halal** - to boast, to rave, to shine, to celebrate; to be clamorously foolish (the primary word in the Hebrew for praise); Psalm 69:30, Psalm 22:22, Psalm 149:3.
- **Zamar** - to make music; to celebrate in song and music; Psalms 144:9, 2 Kings 3 - Elisha asks for a musician; Psalm 57:7.