

# What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ”?

## Reasons to Worship

### I. Introduction

A. “Transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Followers of Christ.”

### II. What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ”?

A. Commitment to Christ

1. Received Christ as Lord and Savior (Born Again)
2. Water baptized
3. Worshipper of God
4. Obedience to Christ and His Word

B. Commitment to His Church

1. Membership (Newcomer's class)
2. Consistent attendance
3. Small group participation
4. Giving of Finances
5. Serving

C. Commitment to His Cause

1. Sharing your faith
2. Being an inviter
3. Leading and discipling others
4. Ministering to others
5. Ministering to the poor
6. Local and global outreach

D. Psalm 100:1a (KJV) *Make a joyful noise unto the LORD.*

E. Psalm 100:1-3 (NAS) *<sup>1</sup>Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

### III. Reasons to Worship God

A. When I worship God, my mind is on something besides me!

B. When I worship God, it produces a Spirit of gratitude in me.

1. Psalm 100:4 (NAS) *Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.*
2. I Thess. 5:16-18 (NAS) *<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always; <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing; <sup>18</sup>in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

C. When I worship God, my struggles lose their power to cause me to despair.

1. Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NLT) *<sup>17</sup>Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, <sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!*

D. When I worship God, it connects me to other people in a way no other activity can.

1. Exodus 19:16-17 (NLT) *<sup>16</sup>On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram's horn, and all the people trembled. <sup>17</sup>Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.*

E. When I worship God, it blesses the Heart of God!

#### **IV. Conclusion**