

20 Questions for Confirmation

Q.5 Why do we worship? What is the church all about? Why do we do the things we do?

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Think about charging a battery. Batteries in our cars, our phones, electronic devices, ear pods---sometimes we just need a spark, a jump start and we are good to go. Think about in the afternoon when you start to get sleepy and you need a Starbucks to pull you through! There are more serious times we need help like when someone with a medical emergency maybe needs the AED to jumpstart their heart.

Response Questions: What are examples of how you recharge? Devices, our minds, our bodies? Is there a difference between a quick jump start and a full charge?

Sometimes we have mobile batteries that we can use for a temporary charge but sometimes we are so depleted, we are empty. We need a full charge. We must fully charge whether it is our devices or our hearts that are empty from walking down the path of life. Worship is a time of recharge for Christians.

Worship is first and foremost always about God. A time that is about thanksgiving and praise. Worship is a way to jump start our week. To be reminded who God is and that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. Worship is a time of celebrating God, storytelling, connection and renewal.

Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJZ6iHMMF6M>

Response to Video: What are the three examples of worship demonstrated in the video? How do those examples compare to how we worship today?

What is God's response: Bible Story: Acts 2: 42-47 "Life Together"

What is Church all about?

The first Christians had a way of doing "church" without calling it church—what did worship look like for them? How does that compare to our worship?

Just like the ancient followers of Jesus, the modern church gathers together as community; we hear God's word in song and scripture and stories; we share in the Lord's supper for forgiveness and remember to whom we belong; we are sent renewed and loved to share that good news with everyone we meet! Although the ways we worship might look different, followers of Jesus always follow Jesus' model of gather, word, meal and sending.

Response Questions: How is this pattern followed in other areas of our lives?

Within our lives, we gather together to celebrate one another in birthdays, anniversaries even at funerals. And when we gather, we tell the stories of our lives, to help us remember who we belong to, that we are loved and that we are not alone. The best celebrations always include food! Sometimes it's cake and sometimes it's turkey—but many times there is special food served for special occasions.

Optional Activity: flip chart paper with one of the words listed. Have the students write out examples of church and home life that fall under each category.

Celebrate***Connection***Thanksgiving***Renewed

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for your limitless love for all. Jumpstart our faith through joyful worship. Remind us that we belong to your family and help us invite others into your good news! Thank you for the stories that link us to you and to each other and inspire us to share them with all we meet. In Jesus' name we pray! Amen!