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Bible Study

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Why You Should Prioritize Corporate Worship
II Chronicles 20:18-27

Psalm 34:3 reads, “*Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!*” (ESV) This verse reveals what one Old Testament leader invited others to help him accomplish. A thorough search of the Bible reveals many occasions where individuals gather together to lift up the Lord both within and outside of the church. Likewise, 21st Century Christians should seek to promote, prioritize and practice esteeming God as a collective body. This lesson is designed to share why believers should prioritize corporate worship.

Breakdown of II Chronicles 20:1-30

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| 1. | The <u>Report</u> | to the King | Verses 1, 2 |
| 2. | The <u>Responses</u> | by the King | Verses 3-21 |
| 3. | The <u>Results</u> | for the King | Verses 22-30 |

1. You should prioritize corporate worship because it can be Contagious .
Verses 18, 19

“Then King Jehoshaphat bowed low with his face to the ground. And all the people of Judah and Jerusalem did the same, worshiping the LORD. 19) Then the Levites from the clans of Kohath and Korah stood to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud shout.” (NLT)

2. You should prioritize corporate worship because it can be Glorious .
Verses 20, 21

“Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, “Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed.” 21) After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: “Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love endures forever!” (NLT)

3. You should prioritize corporate worship because it can be Advantageous .
Verses 22, 23

“At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves. 23) The armies of Moab and Ammon turned against their allies from Mount Seir and killed every one of them. After they had destroyed the army of Seir, they began attacking each other.” (NLT)

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