

A Life of Hope

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'BRING YOUR HOPE TO WORSHIP'

PSALM 33:1-12

1. Reflect on a time when you went to a big sporting event: How did you (or your companion) express excitement and expectation of the event? Describe some of your respective emotions concerning the event.
2. Read Psalm 33. In what way does the Psalmist describe hope (expectation)?
3. How does the Psalmist's description of hope/expectation compare with the 'hope' or expectation we have when going to church?
4. From verse 5, how are you impacted by God's unfailing love for the world as expressed in this verse?
5. What are the Group dynamics (as implied by the Psalmist) that impact our experience of worship at church? How can our preparation of worship impact our worship experience?

How does this challenge us?

6. What are some of the hopes and dreams that can be brought to Worship? (eg success, love, healing, recognition, etc) How often do you consciously bring such personal agendas in the hope that the Lord will change you and satisfy your soul?
7. What does Psalm 125:1 & 4 and Ps 37:4 say about God giving us the desires of our heart? How does the fact that He is constantly changing us and our desires answer the question, 'How does God sometimes answer our prayers/desires?'
8. In our approach to Worship, instead of bringing only our requests/agenda, how might we be open to allowing (even inviting) God to make us more like Jesus both in terms of our passions and our character? Are there any Bible verses that encourage you in such a way?