TAUPO BAPTIST CHURCH

To Be A Transforming Community Committed To Jesus Christ

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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The Attitude of Worship

1. Chuck Swindoll says, "*Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we respond to it.*"
Do you agree?

2. Our attitude to worship affects what happens when we worship. Give some examples of when or how our attitude can change.

3. Familiarity breeds contempt. Do you ever feel as though you've heard the story countless times, are just going through the motions and end up settling for a satisfactory relationship rather than a passionate one?

4. *"Worship is our instinctive response to a great God"* When do you feel closest to God? **Discuss**

5. Worship is not supposed to be about what we get out of it. It's where we tell God how wonderful He is. **Discuss**

6. *"Some churches have moved away from the worship of God, and their primary ambition has become worshiping man."* **Do you agree?** In what ways has this happened? Discuss the difference between Christ centred songs and me centred. Give some examples

7. The 1st commandment is to *"have no other gods before me"*. Exodus 20:3. What do you think about most of the time? We become like whatever we worship – God wants us to be like Him. **Discuss**

8. David provides a model for Worship in Psalm 34:1-3. What are the 3 important aspects of his worship shown here?

9. Sometimes we don't know if we like something until we try it (examples). Try something different in worship - clap, raise your hands, bow down, –- make it a whole body experience. *Share about how you have become more open in worship.*

10. **Isaiah 62:10** *Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations.* Are there barriers to worship in our church? How can we remove them.

11. Have a time of worshipful prayer where you tell the Lord how wonderful He is and thank Him for all that He has done,