

# Top 10 Reasons to Worship Together

10. **Hope-** In this world, we are faced every day with situations that are difficult and challenging. God is always at work delivering hope to us, and we experience that hope more fully when we gather in one place, with one heart, and worship God.
9. **Kids are Curious-** Kids want to know. They want to ask questions about God, about life, and about the world. The church is a place that supports you in raising your kids to be inquisitive, teachable people of faith. This is why worship is important for your family.
8. **Youth-** Youth are at the point in their development where they are beginning to develop their own sense of values their own sense of personhood. They need an anchor to guide them through all the choices that are before them when they're at school, when they're out with their friends, when they watch TV and movies, and when they are on social media. Worship is a place where we instill the values that will guide them to be the person God has created them to be.
7. **Foundation for a Strong Family-** Everybody wants their family to be strong and steady, to be healthy, to be full of love and grace. It's not easy with work schedules and school schedules and all the other activities that take our time, as well as all the stresses and anxieties of our time. Worship is a place where we come as a family, in one place, in one moment, and it draws us together with each other and with God.
6. **Reverence-** Reverence is a fancy way that we take a little time to humble ourselves and focus on God, who is all, and in all. Worship is a place where we discipline ourselves to focus on God, seek to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. In worship, we find our place in what God is doing.
5. **Doing life together-** Life is a joy and life is hard. We have great celebrations, and we have times of grief and loss. It's a powerful thing to share that journey with other people, other families, who celebrate with you, struggle with you, wait with you, and pray for you. Worship binds us together and we do not form those kind of friendships anywhere else.
4. **Be a part of something bigger than us-** The church reminds us that there is something bigger than ourselves. When we come to that realization, it is a great equalizer in our life. We are with people that have different stories than ours, that come from different places, that have different beliefs, vote differently and think differently. Yet through the spirit that is our strength and not our liability because

it is not about us individually. Worship is about us together as the body of Christ. Worship is where we live this amazing truth to the fullest.

- 3. Use your talents and gifts-** The church is a place where each of us with our individual spiritual gifts come together to comprise the body of Christ. Worship is where we learn about the Spirit and where the Spirit speaks to us about places where we could serve, places that we could lead, and places where we could help. Worship forms us into people who use the gifts God gave us for the greater good.
- 2. Learn to use and study the scriptures and make the Bible part of everyday life -** It is in worship that we hear the scripture, and the truth found there, proclaimed in music, in creeds, in the Bible readings, and in sermons. If we are consistently at worship week after week, month after month, and year after year, we learn to use the scriptures in the way God intended us to use them: to point us to the life that reflects love, grace, and peace.
- 1. Worship matters-** You matter. You matter to your church, you matter to the people you go to church with, you matter to your pastor and your leaders, and you matter to God. Worship is where we encounter God in a unique and powerful way, and it inspires us and strengthens us to live a Christian life throughout the week. Worship matters.