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WORSHIPing, GROWing, and SERVing leads to Deep and Wide.  
**Deep** being love of God and **Wide** being love of neighbor.

<sup>6</sup> Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. <sup>7</sup> While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume and poured it over his head. <sup>8</sup> The disciples were indignant when they saw this. "What a waste!" they said. <sup>9</sup> "It could have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor." <sup>10</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, replied, "Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me? <sup>11</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. <sup>13</sup> I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed." (Matthew 26.6-13 NLT)

*Worship is defined by Webster's as an expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.  
In Christian terms it is ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S WORTH*

<sup>44</sup> "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it! (Matthew 13.44-46 NLT)

**Worship** is the willingness to give away everything for something that is freely given to you.

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. (Romans 12.1-2a The Message)

Worship is NOT only 8:30 and 11:00 on Sunday morning. It happens anytime and anyplace we acknowledge God's worth. Worship is a lifestyle if it is anything.

Worship leads to Deep and Wide as it brings:

- 1) Light into the darkness (deep)
- 2) Freedom from guilt and shame (deep)
- 3) Witness to our faith (wide)
- 4) Change to our world for good (wide)

<sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6.12 NLT)

Who does this? How does a person get to a place where they are willing to give away everything for something that is freely given to them? You can't guilt or cajole worship. It must flow out of a relationship! And relationships flourish in environments where 1) consistent time is spent together, 2) transparency is present, and 3) sharing happens with give and take.

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