

A man in a dark jacket is sitting on a wooden dock, looking out at a calm lake. The background shows a green field and trees under a soft, hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

*the* WONDER *of* WORSHIP

We were created to Worship God and Enjoy Him forever

THE WORSHIP OF  
A REACHING LIFE

# The Worship of a Reaching Life

**Worship is a lifestyle... the offering of a every minute of every day to the Lord by surrendering every thought and action to Him for His pleasure. (Romans 12:1-2)**





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**Reaching is stepping outside of our focus on self, to allow God to focus us on others in order to minister to their needs, and primarily the deep spiritual need for relationship with God.**

# The Worship of a Reaching Life

The worship of a reaching life is perhaps the most mature form of worship that one can offer to God.

- **Worship is the pursuit of every believer; reaching out to others is the outcome to which God leads every believer**
- **Worship is our deepest purpose; living out that purpose by reaching out to others is our highest calling**



# The Worship of a Reaching Life

Jesus perfectly exemplified worship through reaching.

- He lived to bring glory to the Father (Worship)

*“My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish his work.”* John 4:34

*“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.”* John 17:4

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**What was God's will for Jesus?  
What was the mission he was sent for?**

*“The son of Man came to seek and save the lost.”*

**Luke 19:10**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”*

**John 3:16-17**



# The Worship of a Reaching Life

**Jesus' constant purpose is to give God glory (worship), but His primary mission to accomplish that purpose was to reach out to people and engage them in life-saving relationship with Himself.**

- **Jesus has called us to carry on the same life**
- **A life of teaching people how to live the way Christ calls us to.**

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Matthew 28:18-20

*“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*



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**A life of being witnesses tells the story of what God has done.**

**Acts 1:8**

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

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**A life of being messengers of reconciliation.**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

***“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”***



# The Worship of a Reaching Life

**Our greatest purpose is to give God glory (worship), but our primary mission to accomplish that purpose is to reach out to people and help them come into life-saving relationship with Jesus.**

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**We know we are called to carry the message of salvation in Christ to the world.**

**So why does the American church struggle to do it more effectively?**

- **We don't know how...?**
- **We are afraid...?**
- **These reasons make sense, but I don't think they are the main reason...**



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**The reason we don't engage in the Great Commission more passionately and more effectively is because *we forget why it's important...***

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## Why is Reaching Out To People So Important?

### 1. Because it is pleasing to God

- He cares about people (John 3:16 & 2 Peter 3:9)
- And if we love Him we will care about what He cares about

### 2. Because He has given us what they need

- The truth of His Word, the power of His Spirit, the love of our Creator
- It would be horribly selfish to keep it to ourselves



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## Why is Reaching Out To People So Important?

3. **Because there is a cost if we don't**
  - **There is an enemy who desires to destroy us with sin because God loves us**
  - **Our sin has separated us from God**
  - **Unless we repent to God and walk in worshipful relationship with Jesus, we are destined for an eternity in hell**

# The Worship of a Reaching Life

**If we are truly driven by a love for God and a desire to honor Him, and if we truly understand the implications of not living a life of reaching out, then no amount of ignorance or fear will keep us from reaching.**