

LET IT BE CHRISTMAS



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REVOLUTION

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1. What is your preferred means of worshiping God? (Music, reading, meditating, spiritual conversation with others, nature, being in a church service, other?)

At what point in your life did you understand that this was a preferred path for you?

2. This was a key statement in the message Chuck shared today: "The greater part of worship is not what we do in the presence of Christ (God) but what we do as a result of having been there."

Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why?

3. The Scriptures contain many passages which combine the words "worship" and "serve" as if they were intimately connected. What is your understanding of why that might be a priority combination?

4. In Deuteronomy 6:13, *The Message* offers the challenge this way: "Deeply respect God, your God. Serve and worship him exclusively." It was that understanding that Christ leaned on during the dark days of his temptation in the wilderness. Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness."

Why do you think this was so strategic for Christ at that time?

5. Paul, the apostle, expresses his understanding of worship this way: "Therefore, urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is true worship." Romans 12:1 (NIV)

What might that kind of insight mean to you as you go about your daily routines this week? Any changes likely?