

Worship Matters Video Intensive with Bob Kauflin
Session 3: Our Task (Part 1)
(From Chapters 6-8 of *Worship Matters*)¹
Outline & Discussion Questions

I. Why “Worship Leader” Isn’t a Helpful Term

- A. It’s not a title that’s used in Scripture.

- B. Jesus is our true worship leader.

- C. It makes it sound like worship is confined to singing.

II. Moving Beyond “Worship Leader”

- A. Use different terms (music pastor, song leader, congregational worship leader, lead musician, leader of worship in song, music guy)

- B. Can be fulfilled by more than one person.

- C. A proposed definition.

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to cherish God’s presence, and to live for God’s glory.***

III. A faithful worship leader...

“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.”
- 1 Corinthians 4:1–2²

A. Called to be Stewards

B. The Mysteries of God

C. The Real Judge

“For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.” - 1 Corinthians 4:4

IV. ...magnifies the greatness of God...

*“I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, **magnify** the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!”* - Psalm 34:1-3

“We are not called to be microscopes, but telescopes. Christians are not called to be con-men who magnify their product out of all proportion to reality, when they know the competitor's product is far superior. There is nothing and nobody superior to God. And so the calling of those who love God is to make his greatness begin to look as great as it really is.” - John Piper³

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.” - Psalm 145:3

Our job is to magnify God’s greatness in people’s minds, hearts, and wills. We do that by speaking both to people’s **perceptions** of God and their **passions** for God.

A. Right perceptions of God

- His Word: *“In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?” - Psalm 56:10–11 (see also Ps. 19 and Ps. 119)*
- His Worthiness: *“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!” - Psalm 117*
- His Works: *“I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.” - Psalm 77:11–12*

B. Right Passions for God

We’re not just listing characteristics about God, as impressive as they might be. We want people to be moved by them.

- Delighting in God
- Yearning to know God better
- Obeying God

“We can never be too frequent or too solemn in the general surrender of our souls to God and binding our souls by a vow to be the Lord’s forever: to love him above all things, to fear him, to hope in him, to walk in his ways in a course of holy obedience, and to wait for his mercy unto eternal life.” - Isaac Watts, A Guide to Prayer, p. 28

- Expressing trust in the midst of trials, doubts, and fears.

“Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?” (Psalm 77:7–9, ESV)

Session 3 Discussion Questions:

1. How does the content of this session challenge popular concepts of the “worship leader”? How does it challenge your own personal concept of a worship leader?
2. The Bible calls us to be faithful when it comes to leading God’s people in corporate worship. What are things you are tempted to be motivated by instead of seeking to be faithful?
3. What does it look like to be faithful in your present role? How would you like to grow?
4. What are some things you can do to seek to see more of the greatness of God?
5. Our purpose is to “magnify the greatness of God” through our leadership and our songs. On any given Sunday in your church, how do you think people are viewing God as they walk in to church? What are some practical ways you can magnify (or help them see) the greatness of God through your leading?

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