



WORSHIP. LIFE.

The philosophy of our approach to engaging in a deeper connection with our Creator.

At The Edge Church, we recognize the list of things worship is “not” can be extensive. We also recognize the list of things worship “is” can be even more extensive and overwhelming: potentially even limiting its power and depth.

*Ultimately and fundamentally, The Edge Church views **Worship as Life**.*

The Edge Church values RESTORATIVE WORSHIP

The cultivation of a lifestyle immersed in the presence and truth of God, for the renewal of life and the glory of His Kingdom.

Our hope is to communicate a definition of worship big enough live in, yet equally as meaningful and relevant.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH (The Heart)

WORSHIP IS..

God-acknowledging

God, existing as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the central and sole focus. He is the ultimate object to whom our worship is directed.

Never-ceasing

The act of worship stretches from eternity past throughout time, and our lives are a continual example of ceaseless praise, even in the tiniest of moments.

Ever-relational

God’s unending and abounding love compels us to know more of His nature and sacrifice. This response can be in the quiet of solitude or the commotion of community, but is always a relational connection.

Cross-covenantal

As God’s grace is offered freely, so our worship is freely given. Our covenants with God are not only for His glory, but are also for the greatest benefit of His people.

All-encompassing

No aspect of life is devoid of worship. His Kingdom exists among His people, in every time, place, and circumstance. The response to God is not bound by our physical reality, but is expressed through it.

*** Proverbs 3:5-6; 2 Corinthians 3:5; Romans 11:36; James 4:7-10; Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 100 (and many others)***

FOUNDATIONAL LENS (The Heartbeat)

Worship as Lifestyle...

As surely as a heartbeat indicates life, so should our worship be the heartbeat to life with God. Without it, life withers away.

...marked by Wholeness

1. **Life** – The continual personal acknowledgement and edification of Christ as life.
2. **Community** – The intentional gathering of God’s people for the acknowledgement and edification of Christ as life.

FOUNDATIONAL AVENUES (The Veins)

Worship Community

A collective experience of restoration through stories, celebration, and freedom in God’s truth.

Missional Community

A gathering devoted to inward Kingdom development, for the purposes of outward Kingdom expansion

Social Community

Building relationships with people where they live, work, and play

Personal Expression

The outworking of worship in everyday life.

PRACTICAL EXPRESSION (The Church Body)

The ways in which our worship can be connected with the body of believers in ways that affirm individual's unique gifts and glorify God. All of these exist outside the "4 walls" of a church, and all of them can drive what happens inside the "4 walls".

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- ✓ **Hospitality and Event Coordination**
- ✓ **Missional Community Coordinators and Leaders**
- ✓ **Audio/Video Technicians**
- ✓ **Worship Music (Instrument and Vocals)**
- ✓ **Service/Mission Coordination and Volunteering**
- ✓ **Social Media and Marketing**
- ✓ **Ground/Street Teams**
- ✓ **Creative/Design and Graphics**
- ✓ **Creative Writing**
- ✓ **Leadership and Industry Expertise**

Framework of Engagement

- ✓ **Reciprocal Covenant**
 - *You will never be asked to give, serve, or commit in any way that The Edge Church is not willing to reciprocate. We co-labor together.*
- ✓ **Short-term Commitment w/ Long-term Impact**
 - *You are only asked to commit for 6 month periods at a time, so you are able to feel continually revived in service.*
- ✓ **High Quality / High Creativity**
 - *As a church, we won't pretend that we are the "experts", but we're composed of people who are! This means you get the greatest opportunity to teach, learn, and grow in a 'passion incubator'.*
- ✓ **Reversal of Offering**
 - *Rather than lay out the mold through which you can contribute, we seek first your heart and passion, and find ways it can have the most profound and striking impact.*

THEOLOGICAL VISION (The Pulse)

Keeping all of the above in mind, our ultimate aim is to grow into a collective union of individuals who view Worship as Life, and live accordingly. This means that ALL are invited to experience this life, bringing ALL of their gifts, to be used in increasingly meaningful and impactful ways. The Edge Church is an open invitation to experience and participate in that life.

*How do we know the body of The Edge Church is healthy and thriving in Worship. Life.? How are we answering these questions?
We need to visit these often, individually and corporately.*

Engaging

- ✓ *How have I participated in the life of the church and their mission?*
- ✓ *What are the unique ways I can use my gifts and skills to further the Kingdom of God?*
- ✓ *Does The Edge Church have a practical need for my skills, or is there a perceived a void that I could fill?*

Developing

- ✓ *Have I identified my own gifts and skill-sets?*
- ✓ *Have my practical spiritual disciplines (prayer, study, etc.) been evolving or changing?*

Gathering

- ✓ *Am I more compelled to invite others to join in my journey of wholeness?*
- ✓ *Have I experienced an increased willingness to participate in the life of the church?*

Empowering

- ✓ *Do I feel called to coach, mentor, or teach others what I have learned?*

✓ *Have others been directly or indirectly impacted by my Worship. Life.?*

Many other questions exist, as this list is not intended to be all-inclusive. It should, however, highlight some of the fruit of our lives, as we begin and continue to experience wholeness in Christ. Our prayer is for continued growth in our relationships with God and others.

Worship. As. Life.