

Rock Church Pastor Miles McPherson | Walking in God's Favor | December 5, 2020

D12 Monthly Focus for December: Passionately worship God

1. Opening Prayer

• Pray together (thank God for something, pray for others, and pray for self)

Recite the Difference Maker's Prayer

"As a Difference-Making Disciple, I am pursuing the heart of the Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.

Father, give me a heart that:

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You.
- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness.
- Nurtures a burden for lost people.
- Serves with humility.

Jesus, create in me a heart that:

- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.
- Faithfully avoids that which distracts me from obeying You.
- Humbly embraces a kingdom mindset.
- Values making disciples that multiply.

Holy Spirit, develop a heart in me that:

- Values being guided by the Word of God.
- Is dependent on the power of prayer.
- Gratefully grows in generosity.
- Passionately worships the fullness of God.

Father, with Christlikeness as my goal and the Holy Spirit as my Guide, knit my heart with Yours. Fill my heart with Your love for all people. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

2. Review this month's Memory Verse

"Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth." ~Psalm 96:9 NKJV

Share how you are applying the monthly D12 attribute in your life:

Passionately worship God.

3. Discussion Time - begin with key insights from your daily journal and allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching or revealing to you?
- What is a current challenge you are dealing with?
- What step will you take to be more obedient to God?
- What help do you need?
- Who will you share your faith with this week?

4. Review the Sunday Sermon notes

Pastor Miles is kicking off a new sermon series called "Why Christmas?" He shared what it looks like to truly worship God, why we celebrate during this season, and how we should be humble, available, and grateful. God put something great in each of us that we have to take care of and nurture. We have a divine purpose that is bigger and better than anything we can do on our own.

5. Closing Prayer

• Share prayer requests and pray for each other.

This Week's Bible Readings / The Bible Project Videos

Titus 1-3: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/titus/</u> Philemon: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/philemon/</u> Hebrews 1-10: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/hebrews/</u> Proverbs 30: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/proverbs/</u>

Upcoming Events / Next Steps

- Support Toys for Joy. Text TOYS to 52525
- Be generous through giving. Text ALL IN to 52525
- Complete the LIFE Class. Text LIFE Class to 52525

