

PRAYER GUIDE: Preparing For Worship

- We worship with clean hands -

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman. Psalm 15:1-3

Questions to consider:

- Do you take time to prepare spiritually before worship through prayer and repenting of known sin?
- Is there anyone for whom you hold a grudge or have a hard time hearing spoken of well? Have you spoken or given ear to gossip?
- Have you made every effort to be at peace with all?

- We worship with a pure heart -

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. Psalm 24:3-4

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8-10

Questions to consider:

- Are their “idols” in your life that are robbing God of the glory due to Him?
- Do you seek the approval of others instead of the Lord?

- Is there anything or any area in your life where you are holding back and not fully obeying the Lord