

Worship

Should we worship as a group, or do group worship?

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Jonathan: Is worship something we can do in unison?

Malvantra: An excellent example of unity and not uniformity in that you collect together of one intention and one mind, but each one of your prayerful attitudes is entirely personal and distinct. However, they all contribute to the exercise of the whole. It is extremely beneficial to have diversity in the mix of group activities to derive the maximum benefit in worship, in service, in prayer. In most all group activities diversity is a valuable characteristic. While you all come

bringing your own perspectives and your own motivations, the sum total of your collective is far greater because you assemble your motivations and your perspectives in a collective pot from which to make the most enticing stew.

Jonathan: So, it's better to say we worship as a group than we do group worship. The latter implies a formality we conform to. You're indicating we bring our unique qualities to the time of worship together.

Malvantra: Excellent observation! This clarification may help many to understand the value and benefit of your own personal experience and interests. No one would ever suggest that each one in the room has the same interests, the same experience, the same attitude of prayer. It is refreshing and helpful to each throw your contribution into the potluck to make for the widest satisfaction to all. If each of you were exactly the same, the potluck would be but one dish.

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