

PRAISE

The expression of homage as an act of worship is essential. The respect Christians reveal towards the Lord is their way of praising. Praise can also come in many facets, such as acknowledging someone for a job well done or encouraging someone to further their work.

Many Christians say ‘praise God, or praise the Lord.’ As Christians our respect for God and his continued love for all is our response in praising God.

Mentor

Please share with your mentee your experience in praising God. You might consider sharing specific areas such as how you prepare for worship, your feelings, the importance, and why you praise.

Biblical foundation

- 2 Samuel 22:50, ‘therefore I will praise you O LORD, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name.’ (NIV)
- Psalms 9:1, ‘I will praise your O LORD with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.’ (NIV)
- Hebrews 13:15, ‘Through Jesus, therefore let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise-the fruit of lips that confess his name.’ (NIV)

Cultural

The Cup’ig people praised Ellam Cua for the provisions such as seal, walrus, birds, and fish.

Living a complete dependence on the sea and land was the only survival for the people.

Considering this, during the fall season huge dance festivals was geared towards giving thanks for the season’s harvest of sea and land mammals. Of course there was shamanistic dancing, but realizing the demonic association, the people knew praising Ellam Cua was greater. Their expression of dancing and having fun, exchanging gifts, and a sense of community was vital for

a sustained image and life of the people. As Christianity arrived to many native villages worship in a building was the norm. The God of the westerners was placed before the native people, but realizing the western God is the same as the native Ellam Cua was eventually revealed by some ministers.

Potential activity

During Sunday worship, ask you mentee to think about a few areas;

- Did you prepare yourself before worship?
 - Often times many Christians either prepare their hearts or just walk in and praise, this is not bad, but realizing how your mentee prepares would give you good insight on ways to address scripture and prayer.
 - What did you think of the worship songs?
 - Did you feel the songs helped you come closer to God?
 - Was prayer helpful?
 - What were your prayer requests?
 - How did you pray?
 - What did you think of the sermon?
 - Was it helpful for you?
 - Did the sermon make sense to you in ways you can apply it in your life?
 - What were your thoughts on the closing song?