

Worship: The process of actively aligning all that I am in every circumstance to the reality of all God is.

A true worshipper will...

Face persecution and trials. (16-24)

Understand all their circumstances are God ordained. (25-26)

Want to see all people meet and grow in Christ. (27-34)

Trust God's plan and provision. (35-40)

Questions for Discussion:

Have you ever experienced persecution and/or trials for seeking to be faithful to Christ?

If so, what happened? How did you respond?

What would it look like for you to respond in worship?

Have you ever experienced circumstances that were confusing from a human perspective?

If so, what happened? Has hindsight provided any clarity?

If it is still confusing, how can this passage provide encouragement to continue on in faith and worship?

Can you think of other passages of Scripture that would also be encouraging to you?

Are there people in your life who are hostile to the gospel that you might wish would just "go away?"

What would it look like for you to love them unconditionally?