

True Worship

Caring for Others Right Here at Home.

In our worship services we sometimes sing, "Welcome into this place" as an invitation for the Lord to become the guest of honor and host of our worship time. Jesus made it clear that worship in a vacuum is empty and ineffective; that is, our worship must be offered to God, infused with a real concern for those around us.

We see from the Bible that this was precisely the sin of the religious establishment of Jesus' day. They were so focused on the precision and art of their worship exercises that they totally disregarded the plight of those around them. Our lives should demonstrate other-centeredness and genuine caring for human need, in order to properly reflect the heart of Christ.

Before you run to sign up for a short-term missions trip or outreach ministry, you can put true worship into action right here at Times Square Church. There are many ways to reach out to those around us, be they seniors, young people, the weak, the lonely, co-workers, shut-ins and the sick. Perhaps you can have lunch or coffee with someone you don't know. Or you can "adopt" a visitor or newcomer and show them around the church. Have you shared your testimony lately with someone outside your immediate circle of friends? Have you befriended a senior or offered to visit a shut-in or someone in the hospital? There is no better time than the present—and there is no place like home.

(From the Times Square Church NYC bulletin last Sunday. Terry and Carol worshipped there.)
