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Sermon Title: "While They Were Worshiping..."

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Scripture: Acts 13:2-4 - While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

1. Familiar **words** can become formidable **barriers** to the very values and actions they were meant to produce. (Matthew 15:8)
2. Our tendency to use words as substitutes for action doesn't **stop** at the **church** door! It often takes a seat in the sanctuary where it hopes to be **reinforced**!
3. Words **about** missions often replace actual missions' **activities**.
4. Full engagement in God's mission requires **more** than words and images that move the heart. It requires a church **healthy** enough to recognize and respond to the move of the **Holy Spirit**.
5. There's an essential **connection** between corporate **worship** and missions engagement.
6. Worship is the **ordering** of our lives around God and His **purposes**. (Romans 12:1-2)
7. Corporate worship is gathering in **community** to **honor** God.
8. Worship fuels our **love** for God.
9. Missions flows out of love for **God** - not love for **people**.
10. Worship nurtures **trust** in God. (Psalm 40:3)
11. Worship brings a release of God's **power**. (Acts 2:1-13)
12. Worship shifts our focus away from **self** and self-interests and towards **God** and His interests.
13. Worship increases our ability to **discern** the **leading** of the Spirit.
14. Worship produces conviction of **sin** (Isaiah 6)
15. We **become** like the object of our worship. (Psalm 115:8)

Growth Group Questions
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WARM-UP

1. Do you typically listen to worship music during the week? If so, who are some of your favorite artists and why?
2. What's your favorite worship song to sing when you're alone?

SHARING

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. Do you feel like you sense God's presence through worship? If so, in what way?
3. How well are you able to discern the leading of God's Spirit in your life? Are you currently in a situation that's causing you to seek Him for guidance?
4. Is there currently a gap between your "words" and your "actions" when it comes to engaging the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)? If so, in what ways can you respond?

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today's message.

- Matthew 15:8
- Romans 12:1-2
- Psalm 115:8

PRACTICE

- Spend some time alone with God asking Him how you can better align with His will as it relates to ACAC's role in supporting the Great Commission. What is God saying to you?
- Do you feel God is leading you to greater engagement in giving, going or praying? If so, what?