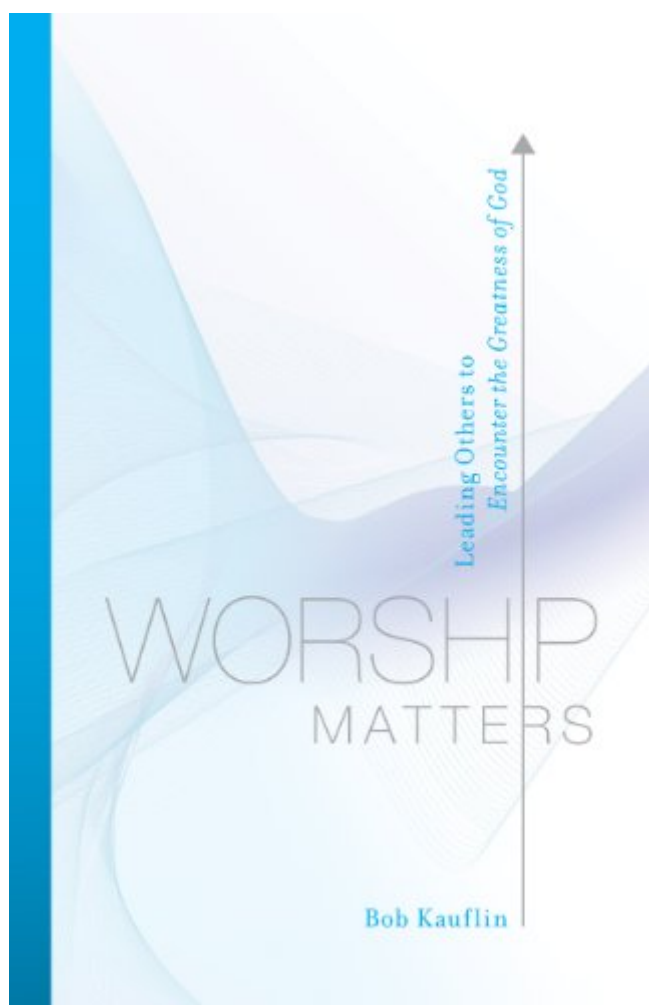


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Worship Matters (Foreword By Paul Baloché): Leading Others To Encounter The Greatness Of God



Synopsis

Combining biblical foundations with real-world application, a pastor and professional songwriter guides worship leaders and pastors to root their corporate worship in unchanging scriptural principles rather than divisive trends. Nothing is more essential than knowing how to worship the God who created us. This book focuses readers on the essentials of God-honoring worship, combining biblical foundations with practical application in a way that works in the real world. The author, a pastor and noted songwriter, skillfully instructs pastors, musicians, and church leaders so that they can root their congregational worship in unchanging scriptural principles, not divisive cultural trends. Bob Kauflin covers a variety of topics such as the devastating effects of worshipping the wrong things, how to base our worship on God's self-revelation rather than our assumptions, the fuel of worship, the community of worship, and the ways that eternity's worship should affect our earthly worship. Appropriate for Christians from varied backgrounds and for various denominations, this book will bring a vital perspective to what readers think they understand about praising God. BOB KAUFILIN traveled with the Christian group GLAD for eight years as a songwriter and arranger before becoming a pastor with Sovereign Grace Ministries in 1985. He is now the director of worship development for Sovereign Grace, overseeing its music projects and teaching on congregational worship. He and his wife, Julie, have six children and an ever-growing number of grandchildren.

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Customer Reviews

Worship Matters by Bob Kauflin is a great read on the subject of worship. In the book, Kauflin covers not just why we worship, and not just on the biblical perspectives of worship, but also on the nuts and bolts of how worship leaders can lead more effectively, how we can keep ourselves grounded and avoid some of the pitfalls common to those who lead in the church, and finally, how we can be better staff members and support for our pastors. The book is loaded with not only helpful tips, but truly deep insights that could only come from someone who has pursued worship as a lifestyle. I love that Kauflin never tries to parade superiority or overconfidence over the reader, but instead teaches through the examples of his own mistakes through his many years as a worship leader and pastor. This book will benefit not only the new worship leader, but anyone who is serious about being part of a biblical, God-centered ministry. With Worship Matters, Kauflin has given the church a book that is worthy of not just reading, but of reading over and over again. Exceptional.

I've read it twice now in the short time I've owned it and that won't be the last. There are so many practical and spiritual lessons. A must-read for worship teams everywhere.

Extremely insightful book that's helped me set my heart right and understand more deeply what goes into worship and how to praise God in spirit and in truth.

Excellent foundation. Great annotated bibliography. Every worship leader at any age should be familiar with this material. I recommend this highly.

This book is one of the most balanced I have read on the subject of worship. My worship pastor and I have been going through it together and it helps us both focus on the same ideas. Well written, thought provoking and full of great scriptural truths. Get it soon.

I have been a christian for over 30 years and found that this book has ignited a new and fresh

beginning on expressing my love to God. I have learned the key to worshiping with not just my heart but from within my heart. I love to evangelize and introduce others to Christ and watch their lives begin to be transformed by God's word and His love. And now I have learned to evangelize through worship by leading others to meet our savior. Thank you so much Bob Kauflin for blessing us with this book.

This is a great resource for any person who leads musical worship to read. When I was younger, leading worship meant picking 5 songs we hadn't done in a while with no consideration for the lyrical content, the service itself or the scriptural context being taught that week. Kauflin does a great job challenging this type of "leadership" and provides great advice (and practical tips) on how to take your leadership role to the next level.

This is great material here. It is a book that hits the important aspects of our Worship to God as individuals and as a community of brothers and sisters in Christ! He begins his first few chapters making sure that the reader understands what is important is our hearts (what do we love), our understanding (what do we believe), our commitment (what do we practice), and our way of living (what do we model our lives after). These are the drivers which Mr. Kauflin addresses (and I believe even stresses) that cannot be left behind as the reader presses deeper into the book. Each chapter is a short read...I think the longest is probably 15, maybe 20 pages long? I've read some books that attempt to drive home its points multiple times within a chapter and (for me) it starts to feel like beating a dead horse. Other books have the longest stories ever such that you forget what the point was to begin with until the chapter ends and you're like "...oh, yeah, that's what this chapter was about...". Not so with this book by Mr. Kauflin. He has done an amazing job being short and to the point for all serving in our Worship to God. If you want something that is much more in-depth (I would call these dense books) about Worship, you may find yourself hungry for more than what this book will share. But if you're looking for something short, concise, and clear regarding our Worship, you may very well find this book to be a great resource. If you're a praise leader or a praise team member, you should definitely pick this book up. If you're a Pastor or Director looking for a contemporary read on Worship, this is also good material...although I suspect that, if you are one, you likely have better material or want more in-depth material than what this may cover.

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