

## Observation Questions

Evaluation Observations of Worship and Discipleship Practices

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## Worship and Discipleship Service

Observation of worship service begins with scripture and prayer from the Deacons of the Church. The practice convened with high praise and worship from the choir and musicians. Several powerful songs came forth from the choir and musicians, they touched the heart of some worshippers in the congregation. Soon after, more worshippers were stirred by the Holy Spirit to exalt and bring glory to God during this worship experience. The next practice of worship included a welcoming connection with all within the congregation.

Members moved among others throughout the congregation to extend warm hearted verbal greetings with genuine smiles, hugs, and or handshakes. Meanwhile, musicians, choir, and the congregation continued in a spirit of worship while at the same time liturgical dancers praised and exalted God. The next part of the service opened for everyone's participation in the practice of giving through tithes and offerings. The warm fellowship among one another was an aspiration to those whose hearts were touched by the love of God.

Further worship continued with congregational praise to God as the choir and musicians continually exalted the music higher in the Lord with more singing and praise. Afterwards, the congregation was fed with the Word of God from the Pastor of the church. The message to the congregation was a blessing too many if not all. The sermon taught from I Kings 17:5-10a, 15-16 was a much-needed lesson, as the pastor informed the listeners of their "Next." During the teaching he allowed opportunities for worshippers to engage with others sitting near. This opportunity also encouraged each other to openly receive the message by faith and with expectancy.

Accordingly, the Word came forth with this message when believers prepare for their “Next” it is important to always honor God first in everything. A caution given, is for every believer not to give in to the temptation of eating his or her seed, instead fight the temptation. Another caution is believers should not be tempted to eat the harvest God is blessing them with. Yield not to temptation! Do not eat what you can bless, but have greater expectancies in the Lord, He can do much more.

Moreover, Gal. 6:9 reminded the hearers of “Your Next Season.” Another caution in this lesson informs worshippers that they should not mess up in the next 36 days, this time is extremely critical. Besides, praise and worship practices are a fertilizer, if Christians want the Lord to bless their households. There should be actions of rendering praise and worship that result in the Lord receiving all the glory and honor, this is highly necessary.

It is also important to bear fruit, there is never a time when Christians should lack in bearing fruit. Yet, on the other hand there is never a time for plucking fruit, because there is manifestation of what is on the inside. Further awareness is being mindful that fruit will overflow for the next 36 days, do not let anything anger you, do not destroy your fruit. To conclude the service ended with an invitation to discipleship. Several people came for prayer, one came for membership and rededication unto the Lord.