



WEEK 7

Worship

ICEBREAKER

Time to breakout the albums, 8-tracks, cassettes, CDs and MP3s. What is your go to music artist, song or genre that gets your groove on? What Christian song, artist, band do you listen to that stirs your Spirit to praise and worship?

SCRIPTURE READING

Read: Exodus 34:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

• WORSHIP IS WHAT WE BOW DOWN TO OR SURRENDER TO

Read: Genesis 17:1
Exodus 15:26
John 11:15
John 14:6
Revelation 21:5

The essence of true worship is for us to come in agreement with who God says He is.

Read: 2 Kings 15:3-4
2 Kings 15:9

Many of the kings would rid the land of idols and false gods but then hold on to some form of worship with false gods.

"When we live out our faith unapologetically, we tear down idols and point others to relationship with God. Tearing down the high place of "acceptance" released me from the fear of rejection so I could share my testimony with family and coworkers. Perhaps you need to tear down "popular opinion" so you can fearlessly stand for God's truth. Or maybe you want to topple "materialism" so you can impact the kingdom through generous giving." — Titania Paige

Is there any area in your life that you have not completely surrendered to God - that you have held onto "it" for the reasons only you know?

What are some things people hold onto in their lives even though they know they should be removing "it" from their lives to fully worship God?

• WORSHIP IS THE CHRISTIAN'S ULTIMATE GOAL

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is the fuel of missions. Passion for God in worship precedes the offer of God in preaching. You can't commend what you don't cherish." — John Piper

If God is not ultimately glorified (worshiped) in all the world by all the people, we do missions - we go and proclaim who God says He is to others. So missions exist today but worship doesn't exist in all places. Worship is the fuel and the goal of missions because you can't implore someone to accept what you don't already prize. Seeking the worship of the nations is fueled by the joy of our own worship...that is, before we can ask others to agree with God in who He says He is, we need to agree.

Read: Mark 12:30-31

This is why tithing is worship. It is giving God our first. This is why spending the first part of our day in God's Word and prayer is worship. It is giving God our first.

What areas in our daily living could we consider worship to God? What could we put first for God?

• WORSHIPING TOGETHER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

Read: Psalm 22:22
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 145:3-4

As in verse Acts 2:46 - they were building a community of worshipers to reach a community who would come to worship God. As the early church worshiped God together daily, God added to their number daily. Worship builds a community and as we unify to build up the Lord and make Him the first and the most in our life and church, as we worship Christ, we are prepared to go out and commend Christ as we reach our communities.

There is incredible power when the "Church" worships together. What are some things you have dreamed of or thought about doing to impact your community for Christ? Remember - ALL things are possible with God!

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What area of your life is God speaking to you that He desires to be first - that you would truly worship Him?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Surrender the "firsts" to God as worship and praise Him!

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