

People's Church: Small Group Questions

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Wired - A Life of Worship

“Americans tend to worship their work, work at their play, and play at their worship” – Gordon Dahl

1. Why did you come to church today?

LOOKING BACK:

Today Pastor Dale talked about the story from John 9:1-34 about the man born blind. After the blind man was healed, the religious leaders criticized Jesus for healing him on the Sabbath. They were too wrapped up in their own legality and missed their opportunity to worship God.

2. Worship is not about person preference, but personal deference. Talk about a time when you have struggled with wanting your own preferences, and how to exercise personal deference in the future?

DIGGING DEEPER: Matthew 14:22-33

Luckily for this man and for us, we serve a God who is bigger than preferences. He finds joy in the different ways that we all worship—He created them all. Throughout history, God has used ordinary people to do incredible things.

In the story of Peter walking on the water, the disciples worshiped Jesus when He came back onto the boat. Pastor Dale mentioned it may not have just been because He walked on water, but because Peter walked on water. Peter—a loud-mouthed, arrogant, average guy. And if He can use Peter, He can use anyone.

3. Is it hard for you to believe God can use you? Why or why not?

TAKING IT HOME: John 9:35-38 NIV

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

We see in this passage that Jesus is never letting go. He continues to pursue us even when we do not realize it.

We are found! (v. 35)

We encounter the Seeker!

We are open and hungry for God. (v. 36)

We can't deny his reality. (v. 37)

Our faith leads to worship. (v. 38)

4. Have you found your patterns of worship have changed at all since this series began?

- WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24 – EMPOWERED a study on the Holy Spirit – 7pm in the Auditorium
- MINISTRY FAIR NEXT SUNDAY - AUGUST 28