



Week 5: Not Your Average... Worship **February 1-2, 2020 | Todd Clark**

This weekend, Pastor Todd shares with us what it really means to be a worshipper.

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Which sports team is your favorite? Even if you're not a huge sports fan, talk about the team your family followed most growing up.
2. Talk about the best concert or event you've ever been to. Maybe you got to see your favorite artist or team in person. What made it so memorable?

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. Everyone worships.
2. People often times ask this question: Which church would God go to?
3. God is no longer just about places of worship, but people of worship.
4. Our lives are meant to be a walking worship service.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: John 4:1-26; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 3:16

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that resonated with you. What made it stick with you?
2. Share a little bit about what comes to mind when you hear the word - "Worship." Is it something you feel familiar with, nervous about or confused about? Talk about your understanding of it.
3. Read Psalm 100. It's a short, yet profound book in scripture. As you read it, try to read it out loud with a tone of excitement. Notice the way the author, David, talks about God. Think about the way you talk about and/or worship God. Has there ever been a time you were that joyous and excited about Him? If so, share what that was like.
4. A lot of David's psalms were also ones of lament. David wrote those when he was in a *valley*, asking God to do something or show up somehow. Other times, it was a psalm of praise, like Psalm 100. Do you find it easier to talk to God when you feel like you're on a mountain-top, or in a low valley? Talk about why.
5. Pastor Todd said that "our lives are meant to be a walking worship service." Be totally honest with yourself here: how does that make you feel? For a lot of us, it might be that we're not doing a great job at our worship service. What comes to mind for you?
6. One cool thing about David was that we see him talking to God, praying to God, praising God and worshipping him in all places, stages and seasons of life. He didn't have his whole life together, but he constantly pointed back to God when it was good and bad. Take a minute and think about the season you're in right now. Then, talk about where you feel like God is in the midst of it.
7. The beautiful truth is that God now lives within us. In this, we can continually worship and glorify Him. So, take a few minutes to think about this next week. Then, think about something you usually do during the week without thinking about God. How can you give Him glory in that one thing? Talk about how you can worship God in that.

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you for being part of our lives. Not only did you come through Jesus, but your presence remains here through us. God, we worship you. We thank you. We love you. Help our lives be a constant reflection and reminder of your grace. And help us to turn away from the distractions of this world, so that we can look to you alone.

Amen.