

Sunday August 24, 2025

Here's a small group guide based on the sermon about worship:

Small Group Guide: Understanding True Worship

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. Worship is more than just singing; it's giving honor to what we perceive has value and offering ourselves to it.
2. God seeks true worshipers who worship in spirit and truth.
3. Worshiping in spirit means worshiping with our whole self, not halfheartedly.
4. Worshiping in truth requires knowing who God is through Scripture and responding accordingly.
5. True worship is costly, requires effort, and involves actively telling God who He is and what that means to us.

Discussion Questions:

1. How has this sermon changed or expanded your understanding of worship?
2. The pastor mentioned examples of people worshiping things unworthy of true worship (sports teams, celebrities, etc.). Can you think of other examples in our culture? How can we guard against misplaced worship?
3. What does it mean to you personally to worship God "in spirit and in truth"?
4. The sermon highlighted several Bible passages about worship (Proverbs 3:9, Mark 12:41-44, Luke 7:36-50). Which of these examples resonates with you most and why?

5. How can we cultivate a lifestyle of worship that goes beyond Sunday morning services?
6. The pastor described worship in heaven from Revelation 4. How does this vision of heavenly worship inspire or challenge you?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Devotion: Spend 5-10 minutes each day this week reading a Psalm (like Psalm 95, 100, or 145) and use it as a guide to express worship to God.
2. Worship Journal: Start a journal where you write down truths about God's character and actions, and your response of worship to each truth.
3. Wholehearted Service: Choose one area of your life (work, family, community) and intentionally approach it as an act of worship this week.
4. Group Worship: Take turns sharing brief statements of who God is and what He's done, similar to the call and response described in Revelation 4.
5. Evaluate Priorities: Reflect on where you're investing your time, money, and energy. Are there any areas where you might be engaging in "misplaced worship"?

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for seeking true worshipers and ask for His help in becoming people who worship Him in spirit and truth in all aspects of life.