

Here's a small group guide based on the sermon "The Wide World of Worship":

Small Group Guide: The Wide World of Worship

Opening Prayer:

Begin your time together by asking God to open your hearts and minds to a deeper understanding of worship in all aspects of life.

Key Takeaways:

1. Worship is more than just singing; it encompasses our entire life response to God.
2. Our bodies and spirits are interconnected, and both are instruments of worship.
3. Worship is a reasonable response to God's grace and goodness in our lives.
4. We can find opportunities for worship in all circumstances - joy, sorrow, anger, and doubt.
5. True worship transforms us over time, making us more like Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. How has your understanding of worship changed after hearing this sermon?
2. The pastor defined worship as "consciously or unconsciously responding to something you consider valuable by offering yourself in service to it." How does this definition challenge or expand your view of worship?
3. Romans 12:1-2 talks about offering our bodies as living sacrifices. What might this look like in your daily life?
4. The sermon mentioned that the Psalms show a wide range of emotions in worship. Share a time when you expressed an emotion other than joy or gratitude to God as an act of worship.

5. How do you typically respond to God when you're struggling or don't "feel" like worshiping? How might viewing these moments as opportunities for sacrificial worship change your perspective?
6. The pastor mentioned that we are "being transformed and conformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory." Can you share an area of your life where you've seen this transformation over time?
7. How can we support each other in cultivating a lifestyle of worship beyond just our church gatherings?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, try to consciously offer a mundane daily task (e.g., doing dishes, commuting) as an act of worship to God.
2. Write your own psalm expressing your current life circumstances and emotions to God as an act of worship.
3. Choose one area of your life where you tend to push God to the periphery. Make a plan to intentionally invite God into that space this week.
4. Practice "worship in the struggle" by honestly expressing your doubts or difficulties to God in prayer, while still affirming His goodness and faithfulness.

Closing Prayer:

Close by thanking God for the opportunity to worship Him in all aspects of life. Ask for His help in transforming your mind and actions to reflect a life of continuous worship.