

# Sermon Discussion Questions

A House of Worship (Part 1) – Matt Slocum  
Sermon Text: Acts 2:42-47

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week we are focusing on worship in our message entitled, **A House of Worship**. We will be discussing three different types of worship found in the Psalms. Each expression allows us to connect with and experience God in ways we couldn't without it. Worship takes us places words never could.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to look at three things we need to do in order to live in community (get to church, join a small group, and be committed to unity) and then figure out which was the most challenging for you. What did you come up with? Were you able to think of any ways to make it less challenging?
2. What did you think of the service and sermon this week? What is something that stood out to you?
3. When we read a story, we are often looking for themes and plotlines. However, when we read the Bible, we often read it like a biblical encyclopedia. How does reading the Bible like an encyclopedia differ from reading it like one big story? How does that impact our understanding or application of what we are reading?
4. If your behavior was always right, the best thing you could ever be would be a Pharisee. What does it mean that we would only be a Pharisee? How does a failure of worship affect our behavior?
5. Two of the Hebrew words we learned during the message which express our worship were “*zamar*” and “*tehillah*”. *Zamar* – to sing, to praise, to make music with instruments. *Tehillah* – praise, the songs of the people.

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What plans do you have for the Superbowl? Any gameday traditions?
2. What is one thing you are most thankful for? Why?
3. What is something you do, or have done, to spoil your pet?

What are some of the differences in these types of worship? What do you think it means, or what it means to you, to sing **your song** (the song of the people)? How do you think that could enhance your worship and take it to a place your worship is inhabited by God?

### **APPLICATION**

This week, try to spend some time in *tehillah* worship. To help you enter into this type of worship, you might spend some time thinking about the depths of God's love for you and how much He has done for you. As you do, open your mouth and let your song emerge. Let your worship flow to God.

### **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Sermon Series – Building The House, starts 8 January 2023, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS  
Youth White Out Winter Camp, 17-19 March 2023, Crooked Creek Ranch, Fraser, CO  
Men's Vineyard Regional Retreat, 27-29 April 2023, Riverside Bible Camp, Story City, IA  
Selah Women's Retreat, 5-6 May 2023, Heartland Retreat Center, Parkville, MO

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

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