



The
heart *of*
worship

small group leader guide

week two

What God Is Seeking: Worship

BIG IDEA

God is looking for worshipers who worship Him in spirit and truth.

GETTING STARTED

When have you seen good worship of a bad god?

Sometimes we are caught up in the good worship of a bad god. Take, for example, college football. In the SEC, we worship our favorite teams well, but the object of our worship is a bad god. The Vols may be a great team, full of good people, but they don't qualify as God.

“Jesus says worship in spirit and truth.
That means we worship the right God (truth), and we worship
Him in Spirit – that is with passion and heart.”

Pastor Tony

LEADER: PLAY THE VIDEO FOR WEEK TWO.

LEARN

■ **God seeks wholehearted worship.**

Ask a volunteer to read Matthew 15:7-9.

What is the main idea of these verses?

How often have you found yourself going through the motions in worship without engaging your heart?

Ask a volunteer to read Revelation 2:4-5.

Leader: *In Revelation 2-3, Jesus addresses seven actual churches that existed when John wrote the book of Revelation. Chapter 2, verses 1-7 address the church at Ephesus. Jesus has some good things to say about the church, but His condemnation is they had left their first love. Their worship of God lacked the heart-felt passion they once had.*

What do you think of when you hear these two verses?

Do you question your own heart, your own worship?
Or are you mentally pointing your finger at someone you think is less passionate about God than you are?

■ **God rejects self-focused worship.**

Ask a volunteer to read Luke 18:9-14.

In Jesus' parable, what is the Pharisee's attitude?

Self-worship leads to comparisons.

Who does the Pharisee compare himself to?

■ **God responds to humble worship.**

What is the tax collector's attitude in his prayer?

Are you more like the Pharisee or the tax collector,
deep in your heart, just between you and God?

*The worship of God is not about the quality of the performance
but the attitude of the heart.*

APPLY

What do you think God would say to you about your worship?

What is something you learned or experienced that changed how you worship?

What steps will you take this week to put God in His rightful place in your life?

*Father, help us return to the heart of worship.
Teach us to worship in spirit and truth. Help us be passionate worshipers
of You, the only true God. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.*

pray



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