

WORSHIP SERIES: PT 2 "THE GATEWAY TO GOD'S PRESENCE"

Small Group Study Guide**Worship Is a Gateway to Heaven's Throne****Opening Thought:**

When we worship intentionally, we step beyond our natural senses, emotions, and thoughts and directly into the presence of God, where Jesus is central. Worship connects us to the ongoing chorus of heaven and invites God's authority and power into our lives.

1. Worship Transports Us Beyond Our Flesh**Key Scripture:****John 4:23-24 (NKJV)**

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Discussion Questions:

- How does worship help you move beyond your emotions, senses, or thoughts?
- What distractions most frequently hinder your worship, and how can you intentionally overcome them?

2. Worship Joins the Heavenly Chorus**Key Scripture:****Revelation 5:11-13 (NKJV)**

"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!' And every creature which is in heaven and on the

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earth...I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!'"

Discussion Questions:

- How does knowing our worship is part of heaven's ongoing chorus impact your perspective on worship?
 - In what ways can this truth enhance your worship experience?
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3. Worship Establishes God's Supremacy

Key Scripture:

Psalms 100:4 (NKJV)

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

Psalms 22:3 (NKJV)

"But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel."

Discussion Questions:

- Share a time when worship helped you recognize God's greatness over your problems.
 - How does praise shift your focus from earthly circumstances to heavenly realities?
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4. Worship as a Weapon Against the Enemy

Key Scripture:

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NKJV)

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

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James 3:16 (KJV)

"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."

Discussion Questions:

- How have you personally experienced worship as spiritual warfare?
 - Discuss the connection between worship and defeating strife, confusion, and negativity.
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5. Worship Enthrones Jesus Over Our Lives

Key Scripture:**Colossians 3:16-17 (NKJV)**

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Psalm 149:6 (NKJV)

"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand."

Discussion Questions:

- How can intentionally enthroning Jesus through worship change your daily life?
 - Discuss practical ways to maintain an attitude of worship throughout your day.
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Closing Reflection:

Take a moment to reflect silently: Where do you need worship to break through in your life? Share briefly, then pray together, asking God to deepen your experience of worship and to manifest His power and authority in your lives.

Prayer:

"Father, thank You for inviting us into Your throne room through worship. Help us continually lift Jesus high above every circumstance. Teach us to silence the noise of our flesh and join heaven's eternal chorus, making worship our lifestyle and warfare. In Jesus' Name, Amen."