



Passionate About Worship



{Discover & Discuss}

Opening: Lead the group in a time of prayer focused on adoration to the Lord. Idea: pray through passages of Scripture addressing the attributes of God (for example: Psalm 97, 103, 111)

{Read John 4:1-20} Which barriers to true worship did you wrestle with before following Christ: Confused worship? Pragmatic worship? Relative worship? Another barrier?

Part of being a growing disciple is working to remove barriers to our worship of the true God. Name a few barriers believers can struggle with that can hinder their worship.

{Read John 4:21-24} Take a minute to develop a group definition of true worship. Truth about the Trinity both enables and energizes our worship; worship compels us to desire more truth. Share a significant moment of true worship in your life (maybe it was true worship for the very first time!).

{Read John 4:25-30} Notice that the Samaritan woman still did not understand worship until Christ revealed himself to her. Then suddenly her perspective and disposition changed. When we seek to share the Good News of Christ with others, what should we be praying for the Holy Spirit to do in their lives first? {Read John 16:7-11.}

{Read John 4:31-38} Jesus said "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." Would you say that you are driven, sustained, and satisfied by "doing the will" of the Father and "accomplishing his work" though your life? Would people around you say that you are passionate about seeking more worshipers? Interestingly, the process of reaping the spiritual harvest is a TEAM effort. God empowers us to be sowers in some situations and reapers at other times. Share a story where you saw this team approach result in transformation.

{Read John 4:39-42} One of the greatest thrills of the Christian walk is watching people choose to follow Christ and begin worshipping him. It is even more exciting when we participate in the process of giving the message of Good News. Romans 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Clearly there is a message that needs to be delivered to non-worshippers. God uses both our presentation of the truth in God's Word and our personal testimony. To put it another way, we need a Map and a Story. Your Map is God's Word—verses like Romans 6:23 and Romans 10:9-10. Your Story is your individual testimony of how and when you made a decision to believe on Jesus Christ for salvation. Do you have a Map AND a Story? One of two is not good enough; we must have both. Are you prepared to share your Map and Story with others? This week we will grow together in developing both of these critical aspects of our worship to Christ.

{Care & Accountability}

- The Father is seeking for us to be true worshipers: Share one area of your life where God is challenging you to authentically demonstrate reverence and adoration for him this week.
- Share one thing that hinders you from sharing the Good News of Christ and seeking other worshipers of Christ? Pray for one another: ask the Holy Spirit to give each of us boldness and remove our present hindrances to sharing Christ with others.
- Jesus was intentional in approaching the Samaritan Woman. We need to seek people intentionally too. List 3 people you are going to pray for and begin looking for opportunities to share your story with...in fact, pray for them right now as a group. (Matthew 18:19-20)

(Pray for one another, one at a time, about the items above.)

{Take It Home...}

This week spend time preparing yourself to share the Good News by developing:

- My Map: Memorize and meditate on Romans 6:23 this week. Notice how each word is important. Practice walking a friend or family member through the important concepts in that verse (take about 5-10 minutes).
- My Story: Take an hour to review and write down a few memorable bullet points for the three stages of your life: Before Christ, At Salvation, With Christ. Then practice sharing your story with someone (for about 7-10 minutes).