



# DEVOTED

## Devoted Group Questions: Session 5 - Worship

### GET STARTED

How did you picture God when you were growing up?

### TAKE IT IN

What encouraged and/or challenged you from the sermon this week? Why?

### TALK IT OVER

- **When you hear the word worship, what is the first thing(s) that comes to mind?**
- Take a moment to read Romans 12:1. **How does this verse define worship?** With this definition in mind, read Acts 2:42-47. **How are these followers of Jesus living a life of worship?**
- Acts 2:42-47 shows that a life of worship encompasses more than just singing. Take a moment to go on a worship Bible study tour. Read the following passages: Psalm 16:8-9, 100, and 150; Matthew 4:8-11; Mark 12:28-31; Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:16-17. **Based on these passages, what do you learn about worship? How should and/or shouldn't we worship God? What encouragement or challenge do they create on how to worship well?**
- The Bible teaches and reminds us that an almighty God created you so that He could love, enjoy, and adopt you into His family. **Is that consistent with your picture of God? How does that truth resonate with you and impact how you worship?**
- God designed us to worship, but that doesn't mean we always worship Him. Everyone worships someone or something. **How have you seen this play out in your own life and faith?**
- This weekend, Jacob defined worship as devoting our mind's attention and our heart's affection on glorifying God. As we have already discussed, there are many things that can distract us from living a life of worship. In the book *Gods at War*, Kyle Idleman suggests 7



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questions to help identify and realign our hearts toward worshiping God. Read through the questions below. **What do you think about these questions as a tool to identify who or what you worship? What are your first reactions to your answers to these questions?**

1. What has left you most disappointed?
  2. For what do you sacrifice time and money?
  3. What do you worry about?
  4. Where do you go for comfort?
  5. What makes you mad?
  6. What do you dream of?
  7. Whose encouragement means the most to you?
- Psalm 16:8 calls us to keep our eyes on the LORD, which is easier said than done. The good news: there is an abundance of grace and that only leads us to more reasons to continue living a life of worship. **Beyond a church service, how can you intentionally create a moment or two this week to reorder and focus on God in worship (singing, praying, giving, reading, encouraging, serving, obeying, etc.)?**
  - Worship isn't just what we do; it is who we are and how we live. When we encounter an almighty and loving God through worship, we change. **Reflect back over Colossians 3:16-17. Practically, how can you better live a life of worship in your everyday life (work, family, friends, errands, hobbies, etc.)? What can you do to be more intentional about turning your mind's attention and your heart's affection to glorifying God?**

## LIVE IT OUT

In *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster writes, "To stand before the Holy One of eternity is to change ... it is not for the timid or comfortable. It involves an opening of ourselves to the adventurous life of the Spirit." Be intentional about worshiping God in new and familiar ways this week. Pay attention to the ways you worship and the change that comes from God. Remember, worship isn't an action to complete, but a way to live in response to the love of God.

### **Further Study:**

*Practicing The Way* by John Mark Comer

### **Memorize:**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

**Romans 12:1 (NIV)**