



Living Water
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide
or personal devotional guide



Worship Like You Mean It!

Introduction: We give praise to people in many ways. We praise the athletic talent of the professional, we say how much we love a certain actor, and we proudly wear the sweater and cheer for our favorite college team! We give value to people and things thus we worship them. The word worship comes from an old english word “worth” “ship.” So, we worship, what we find to be worth our devotion. Do we value the Lord? Is He worth our devotion? Do we worship God?

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: What is the most expensive ticket you have purchases to either watch a game, play, or event? What was the total money spent when the day was over? or What was the most expensive vacation you have taken? Why did you take the time and money to do what you did?
2. Read 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 David is brining the Ark of the Covenant back to it's proper place. This is a time of huge celebration in the life of the Jews. Notice the aspects of worship throughout the song and make note of how we are to give the Lord praise?
3. Why is it important to remember the works of the Lord in your life?
4. Read Exodus 12. What was it that caused the death angel to pass over the house?
5. The Lord delivered the Hebrews from the hand of Egypt. God performed mighty miracles to deliver his people out of slavery. It was an amazing feat and one that could only be done by the Almighty. Read Exodus 14—note the power of God and what he accomplished. Read Exodus 15—Note the song of praise.
6. Read Exodus 20:1-6. Why does God give this command. What does this command say about the “worth” of God to his people?
7. Read Exodus 32:4-19. Why was God so offended and Moses outraged by the behavior of the Hebrews? What were they guilty of doing? Why was it such and evil?
8. The Bible declares that we are in bondage and slaves of sin. John the Baptist declared that Jesus was the lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. When we trust in Jesus, the blood of Christ (the perfect lamb of God) is applied to our life. What is the significance of that in relation to Exodus 12?
9. How does the cross of Christ compare to the parting of the Red Sea?
10. Because Jesus saves us through his sacrifice, we ought to devote our life to him. He is worth our devotion. He is worthy of worship. Take time to write out a prayer of thanks to God for saving you.
11. We often neglect to give Jesus our true devotion. Like the Hebrews, we find ourself worshipping a golden calf. We replace God with other people, things, or sin. What are some of the “golden calves” that take your devotion away from worshipping Christ?

Think About it:

There is only one Lord who is worthy of all praise. Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead securing victory over sin and death. He is worthy of full devotion. Our praise and worship should go to no other than Him. The wonder of the cross should make us stand in awe and live a life of devotion to our Savior and King!

Moving Forward:

Pray that the Holy Spirit might reveal any false idols in your life. Allow the Spirit to bring them to your mind and then remove them from your mind and life. Repent if there is anything or anyone taking the place of your devotion to Christ. Thank the Lord daily for his grace. Write out your own prayer/song of gratitude for his amazing work on the cross. Look for the opportunity to share with someone God's amazing deeds!

