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## Week 1: What To Bring

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. For what can you praise God? What thanks can you offer him?

Read [Isaiah 1:15-18](#)

2. Why will God not accept their worship and prayers? What does God want them to do?

Read [Matthew 5:23-24](#)

3. How would you describe the difference when you worship God with a clean heart verses times that you've had unfinished business to take care of between you and God, or between you and others?

Read [Psalms 9:1-2](#) and [Exodus 15:11](#)

4. What are some of the wonderful things that God has done for you or your loved ones in the past?

Read [1 Chronicles 16:8-13](#)

5. What does David urge us to do and why?

Read [1 Chronicles 16:23-33](#)

6. What actions (note the verbs) are we instructed to take?

Read [Acts 2:1-3](#)

7. How have you seen the Holy Spirit move powerfully in your life?

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## *Week 1 continued*

Read [Mark 14:3-6](#)

8. Why were some people upset with the extravagance of this woman?
9. If you were there that night, how do you think that woman's actions would have struck you?
10. How did Jesus interpret this gesture?
11. In what way(s) can you sacrifice to show your love to Jesus?

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## Week 2: More Than Singing

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your motivation for attending church?
2. Share some practical ways that someone could incorporate worship into their daily life.

Read [Isaiah 6:1-5](#)

3. How would you describe the attitude and response of Isaiah in the presence of God?

Read [Psalms 100](#)

4. What reasons does the psalmist give to praise God?

Read [Acts 2:42-47](#)

5. How can worshipping Jesus transform lives of people around us?  
Have you seen any of that kind of change in the people with whom you have had contact?
6. How does regular fellowship with other believers help you worship God with new and fresh eagerness?

Read [Ecclesiastes 5:1a](#)

7. What are some practices you can employ to prepare your heart and mind for worship?

Read [John 4:23-24](#)

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## *Week 2 continued*

8. What do you think God has in mind when He says that He seeks worshipers who worship Him in spirit and in truth?

**Read** [Romans 12:1-2](#)

9. We just read that we ought to offer our bodies "as living sacrifices." What do you understand that to mean?
10. Name some ways you'd like to worship God while you're not at church this week.

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## Week 3: Made to Praise

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe worship and its impact in your life?
2. When is it the hardest for you to concentrate on worshipping God?
3. We are commanded to praise God. **Read [Psalm 150](#)**; how many times does this short chapter tell us to praise Him?
4. What does it mean if we say, "Worship is a choice, not a feeling"?
5. Share an experience where spending time in worship changed how you responded to an issue in your life.
6. Everybody worships; many don't worship God. What are some things that people in our culture worship instead of God?
7. Worshipers take on the characteristic of what they worship. Where have you seen this happen in your life?

### **Read [John 4:23](#)**

8. What does it mean to worship the Father in Spirit and in truth?
9. Think of a time when worship was the most meaningful to you. How did you worship in both Spirit and in truth?
10. How does God seek you, drawing you to worship him?
11. What areas of your life do you want to change so that you will become more like Christ through the act of worship?

### ***Week 3 continued***

12. How would you describe your worship? Mostly mental appreciation, emotional, etc...?
13. What are some battles you're facing? How could you attack these problems with praise?
14. Spend some time as a group praying for each other and the battles you face.

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## Week 4

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share some ways you've seen God's faithfulness in the past week or two.
2. What are two or three of your favorite hymns or contemporary songs and why do you enjoy them?
3. Please share with the group what worship means to you. Discuss with one another what may be new to you about this topic, and what you have learned through this series of studies.
4. What three words, attributes, or phrases would you use to describe God and why?
5. Spend some time as a group reading aloud the following Psalms and identify any expressions of praise and worship you find. Also, as you read the Psalm imagine the tone or posture the psalmist may be assuming as he writes...

[Psalm 8:1-9](#)

[Psalm 34:1-5](#)

[Psalm 103:1-22](#)

[Psalm 145:1-21](#)

[Psalm 150:1-6](#)

Additional challenge: Share with the group any scripture passages or accounts in the Bible that especially inspire you and deal with worshiping God.



## *Week 4 notes*

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