



Week 3 Message-Based Curriculum

Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
- Introduce the theme: This week, we're looking at how worship shapes our identity. We all worship something, and what we worship, we become. God is seeking worshippers who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth — not just in songs or services, but in every part of life.

Discussion Questions

CONNECT

- Rob opened with the question, “How many hours a week do you worship?” – What was your answer when you first heard that question? How did you process the question?
- What's one of your personal preferences for worship style (music, format, setting)? Where do you think that preference comes from? (Note: Preferences aren't wrong, we all have things that feel most natural to us, but *our* preferences shouldn't be at the center of our worship)

DISCOVER

Read John 4:23-24 together:

- Prior to our conversation, or maybe even prior to hearing the sermon this week, what did/does it mean to you to worship “in Spirit” and “in Truth”?

Read Isaiah 6:1-5 together:

- In this encounter with God, how does God's holiness lead Isaiah to worship? What does it reveal about Isaiah's own identity?

Read Philippians 3:3 together:

- How does this verse challenge the idea that worship is something we produce on our own? What role does the Holy Spirit have in our worship?

- G.K. Beale says, “*What you revere you resemble*”. What’s an example in your own life where you’ve seen this to be true?
- How do you tend to approach worship? Is it an event you attend, a thing you do, or a lifestyle you live?

APPLY – How to Become the Kind of Worshipper God Seeks

- Ground your worship in truth
 - What’s one practical step you can take to deepen your knowledge of God?
- Be empowered by the Spirit
 - What might it look like for you to rely more on the Holy Spirit’s leading during worship, whether in a service or in your daily life?
- Pursue biblical balance
 - How can you stretch beyond your preferred worship style to embrace expression that glorifies God and edifies others?
- Make worship a way of life
 - Think of one ordinary part of your week. How could you approach that activity as an act of worship?

RESPOND

- A good way to help us identify areas of our lives that aren’t pleasing to God is to ask whether or not that area CAN be worshipful. For example, Washing dishes is a morally neutral thing, but can become an act of worship. Lying, on the other hand, is sinful, so there’s no way to *lie worshipfully*. With that in mind, ask the Lord to help you identify those areas so they can be replaced by acts of worship.
- What’s one change you could make this week to intentionally live our worship beyond Sunday gatherings?

GROUP PRAYER

- **Truth:** Help us to know and experience God more deeply through His Word so our worship is grounded in truth.
- **Spirit:** Make us sensitive to the Spirit’s leading in our lives
- **Humility:** Help us to embrace worship beyond our preference
- **Worshipful living:** Help us to glorify God in all things

CLOSING

Encourage the group to look for ways to worship in Spirit and Truth throughout the week — not just in music or church gatherings, but in every conversation, task, and decision.

Encourage them to start thinking about next week’s topic: Am I Enough?