

Lifegroup Questions - Worship

- Icebreaker: Apart from God, what other things in your life receive your praise and adoration?
- The founder and director of worship.com Josh Riley states "Worship is everything we think, everything we say, and everything we do, revealing that which we treasure and value most in life" Do you agree with this statement? Why/why not?

Worship directed at God needs to be Spiritual, Scrupulous and Shared. Take a few minutes to explore each of these areas with your groups using the questions below:

SPIRITUAL

- Read John 4:19-24, what do you make of Jesus response to the Samaritan woman? What does it mean to worship in spirit and in truth?
- On Sunday Dan said "spiritual worship is about making sure out internal reality matches our external reality", what steps can we take to ensure this is the case?

SCRUPULOUS

- Read Amos 5:21-23, why did God send this message to the people of Israel? (See verses 10-12) What sort of worship was God expecting from them? (see verse 24, also Micah 6:8)
- Read Romans 12:1-2, according to Paul what is true and proper worship? What might this look like for you?

SHARED

- On Sunday Dan said "Our worship together is not about consuming an experience but participating in a holy moment", do we ever make Sunday mornings about us? How can we avoid doing this?
- Read Hebrews 10:23-25, according to the writer to the Hebrews why is to important to continuously meet together? What other benefits are there to shared worship?

In his book Sacred Pathways, Gary Thomas identifies 9 different ways in which we connect to and worship God, which ones best describe you?

- 1. Naturalists love God best outdoors.
- 2. Sensates love God through their senses.
- 3. Traditionalists love God through religious ritual and symbols.
- 4. Ascetics love God in solitude and simplicity.
- 5. Activists love God through confrontation, fighting for godly principles and values.
- 6. Caregivers love God by serving others, and worship by giving of themselves.
- 7. Enthusiasts love God through mystery and celebration.
- 8. Contemplatives love God through adoration.
- Intellectuals love God with their mind and their hearts are opened up to a new attentiveness when they understand something new about God.