

Worship | 09.21-22.2019

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

Message Recap:

>> Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping clarify expectations
 - Announcements: These are in your Community News email. Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.
- Pray open your time together in prayer

> Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Is there anything you enjoy so much you no longer care what others think about you (sports, kids activities, hobby, etc)?
- Digging Deeper: Finish these statements: (1) Worship is... (general/broad) (2) Worship to me is... (personal) (3) When I worship I... (specific/meaningful).

Observation | Read Luke 19:38-40; Joshua 6:1-3, 16

(15 minutes)

What are your initial reactions to these passages? What is encouraging or challenging? Why? What do you notice about God?

>> Key Principle | Worship invites God's presence into our pain

(15 minutes)

- How do you respond to pain? If you acknowledge it, do you seek help or "press on?" What does it mean to "lean into your pain?" Why does this matter? What happens if/when you don't?
- Can you describe a season of your life where worshiping God first came easily or naturally? What was unique about that season?

Worship is Inevitable | Reread Luke 19:38-40

(15 minutes)

- In the passage, the Pharisees tell Jesus to make His followers stop praising Him. How does Jesus respond?
- In what ways do you see all of creation worshiping God? Watch Louie Giglio's Mashup.
- We all worship something or someone. As you look at your life, what is the object of your worship right now?

Worship is Warfare | Reread Joshua 6:1-3, 16

(15 minutes)

- Would you classify yourself as a "fighter" or a "flighter" when you are facing a battle?
- What is the significance of the Ark of the Covenant? How can we be reminded of God's presence with us?
- What are the battles you're in the middle of right now? Some examples could be work, family, relationships, finances, or health.
- How can you worship as a way of inviting God into those areas?

Closing and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- If worship ushers into God's presence and provides rest from our pain (even if just for a moment), why do we avoid it, choosing to worship other things instead?
- As a group, list off several ways we can worship God. Then intentionally carve out time this week to worship God in one of those ways...
- Close by praying for one another that each member of the group would intentionally make time to worship God and rest in Him.

