

Pray Together

Use the first few minutes of your time together to lead your group in a focused prayer time.

- **Praise:** Spend time praising God for who He is.
- **Repent:** Take a few moments to silently confess any sin that is lingering in your heart.
- **Ask:** Verbalize your needs and the needs of others to God.
- **Yield:** Surrender your will to God.

Read Together

We've been discussing what it means to be better together as worshippers. In review, we have said that worship is the total energy of my life focused on the glory of God above all else. Though we sometimes use these words interchangeably, worship isn't a service we attend nor is it an event we participate in; instead, worship is an ongoing way of life for genuine disciples of Christ. There is a private and public focus of our worship and both of these provide us a foretaste of eternity with God in heaven. Today we conclude this series-inside-a-series by considering some of the earthly outcomes that result from our Christian worship.

When disciples rightly worship Christ together, we function as lights in the world, faithfully and clearly proclaiming the hope of His Gospel.

Discuss Together

Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion.

- Break into smaller groups of two people. Rehearse your 15 second testimony with your partner. If you've never considered a 15 second testimony, follow this model:

"There was a time in my life when I was ____ and _____. And then I surrendered to Jesus and decided to follow him. Now I am ____ and _____. Do you (would you like to) have a story like that?"

Take time to rehearse sharing the Gospel with one another. Consider using a Gospel presentation like 3 Circles, Romans Road, Salvation Bracelets, or some other trusted method.

- Why should believers proclaim the Gospel to those who are far from God? Why should believers proclaim the Gospel to those who are new creations in Christ?
- Words matter. When speaking of public worship, my favorite verb to use is the word "celebrate". "Let's celebrate Christ through worship!" Worship is a celebration of who Christ is and what He has done. When we rightly celebrate Christ, we proclaim the power of His Gospel. When you speak of the act of worshipping, what verb would you use to complete the following sentence: "Let's _____ Christ through worship!" Explain why you chose this particular word.
- Read Philippians 2:12-13. What does it mean to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"? Describe what it looks like for you personally to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"?



- Read Philippians 2:14-16. How does regularly proclaiming the Gospel in worship enable us to fulfill Scripture's call to...
 - Do all things without grumbling or disputing?
 - Be blameless and innocent...without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation?
 - Shine as lights in the world?
 - Hold fast to the word of life?
 - Finish well?

- Simply stated, an 'outcome' is something that follows as a result or consequence of an action. The Harvard Business Review provides further clarity: outcomes are "the differences our [actions] make". They go on to say that without clear outcomes defined, the "stuff we do" is useless. Worship is an act performed to and for an audience of one—the Triune God. We worship God in order to glorify Him. But worship also has earthly outcomes that result from our sacred actions.
 - Identify differences you have seen result from disciples rightly worshipping Christ.
 - What earthly outcomes should result from disciples rightly worshipping Christ? For followers of Christ? For those who are far from Christ? Provide Scripture to support your outcomes.

How I must obey Christ...

- Examine yourself. As a result of this study, identify a specific area in which you need to obey Christ this week.

- How do you specifically need to obey Christ in this area this week?

- How can Jesus redeem this area? How has He proven that in Scripture?

- Who will keep you accountable to this commitment this week?

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Read and pray through Philippians 2:14-16.

