

Worship Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What is one artist, author, celebrity, team, or other such individual or group that you're a huge fan of?
2. What's one of the best gifts you've ever received?

Read the following passages: Isaiah 37:9-20; Psalm 73.

When Hezekiah, the king of Judah, faced the overwhelming threat of an Assyrian invasion, his immediate reaction was to go to the temple of the Lord, the place of worship (Isaiah 37:1, 14). In the temple, as he prayed, he reminded himself that God is big, and everything else is small.

When Asaph, the psalmist, observed that the wicked people around him were prospering while he suffered, he became increasingly bitter and disillusioned. But after he entered the sanctuary, his perspective on both the present and the future underwent a significant transformation. Worship transforms how we see big and small, and life and death.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. What obstacles, relationships, or circumstances feel big in your life right now?
2. In one sense, our whole lives can be a sacrificial offering of worship to the Lord. This is the point Paul is making in Romans 12:1. Beyond this general devotion to the Lord, what are some specific ways we can incorporate acts of praise, worship, and meditation on the Lord into our lives?
3. How much anxiety are you experiencing in your life right now? How might worshipping or meditating on what God has revealed about himself help you address the anxiety you experience?
4. Would you say that the voice of God is the most influential voice in your life right now? Explain. What other voices are influencing you?
5. What aspects of God's character are most significant to you right now? Explain.
6. In your life right now, what three factors have the greatest impact on your day-to-day happiness? Explain. Generally speaking, where are you prone to look for life?

7. How do we enjoy the good things God gives us in this life without turning them into idols?
8. Read Philippians 4:10-13. Paul had a great calling that motivated him his entire life, and he also described himself as “content whatever the circumstances.” What does it look like to live with calling and in contentment?

Pray