



WEEK EIGHT: WE WORSHIP

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What is “church”? Last week, we learned that unity is of paramount value to God, so ***we unite***, setting aside our preferences for the good of the entire body of believers. This week we discover how to keep our eyes and hearts focused on God, as ***we worship Him*** as His church.

Where Am I Today?

- 1) Most people think of “*worship*” as the songs we sing together during a church service, as in “contemporary worship” or “traditional worship” or “a time of worship.” Is this my attitude, or do I include other activities, elements, and attitudes? What are they?

Into the Bible

- 2) “*Worship is a lifestyle.*” Consider this statement in light of the following passages. Note in what way is each scripture an example or part of worship.
 - a. Revelation 1:5b-6
 - b. John 5:15
 - c. Colossians 3:17
 - d. John 14:15



- 3) **Read** Philippians 4:4-7 to get Paul's perspective on worshipping God, despite the circumstance. Now, **read** King David's "journal" in Psalm 42:3-5. What is the common denominator in these two passages? In what other areas of life does this apply?
- 4) Worship also encompasses many physical movements and actions. What mental attitude or characteristic is portrayed by these actions? How is this a prerequisite for worship?
- a. Psalm 95:6
 - b. Exodus 3:6
 - c. Nehemiah 9:3
 - d. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- 5) **Read** Acts 16:22-40. We see Paul and Silas worshipping God, while in the center of a difficult circumstance. How can worshipping God, especially during difficult times, actually provide an open door to share the Gospel of Jesus? Can you share a time where you have experienced this or witnessed this?



How Does This Apply?

- 6) How might your Life Group experience worship more effectively, either during the group meeting time or the weekend services?

- 7) Has the example of Paul, Silas, King David, and others encouraged you that you are doing some things right? Conversely, is there an area (an attitude, action or element of worship) where you are really lacking? Share what you are comfortable sharing to gain encouragement and inspiration from others in your group.

Digging Deeper: Going Further on Your Own

- 8) Emotions in a worship service have gotten a bad rap. In an effort to correct some traditions that are overly emotional, others have almost neglected emotions altogether. Why are emotions important during worship? On what should these emotions be based?

Psalm 27:4
Psalm 16:8-11
Psalm 73:25-26

Psalm 84:1-10
Psalm 42
Ephesians 5:17-20