



Essentials for a Healthy Church:

Spirit-filled & Heart-felt Worship

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ICEBREAKER: Be sure everyone in your group knows each other! Start by going around the room and have everyone share ONE thing that they think nobody else knows about them with the group.

OPENER: *Share your own 'definitions' of worship. What is the essence of worship? "How would you explain the concept of worship to a 6 yr old?"*

DIG:

There are few references to Jesus worshipping, yet we know that He truly lived a life of worship. Read: [Luke 4:16-21](#); [Matt 26:30](#) & [Heb 2:12](#)

- Notice the phrase, "as was his custom." What does this tell you about the worship habits of Jesus?
- Were there other moments in Jesus' ministry which show us how He lived a life of worship?

There were, regularly, others who came to Jesus to worship Him during his lifetime. Read [Mathew 2:11](#); [14:33](#); & [28:9](#)

- What was it that brought them to worship or prompted their worship?
- How did they express their worship?
- How do you suppose they were affected by their worship? Are there any clues in these texts?

Jesus gave His disciples a stern warning about WHAT to worship in [Matt 4:10](#) and provided the Samaritan woman a glimpse of worship in [Jn 4:23](#).

- What are some of the objects, philosophies, personalities, etc. which compete for our 'worship' today? How hard is it to worship God 'ONLY' today?
- What does it mean to worship in "Spirit" and in "Truth"?

DISCUSS:

- Share about a time of worship when you especially felt the presence of God? Where were you? What prompted it? How was it different from typical experiences of worship?
- When you think about Jesus and all that God has done for us through His Son... what most draws you to worship?
- What do you do to focus your mind on worship before & during the church's worship services? What do you do to prepare yourself?
- Read Romans 12:1. Jesus very literally and truly lived out this verse by becoming the "once-and-for-all" sacrifice for sin. How can we live this verse out each and every day and live our lives as a worship to God?

PRAY

- Spend some time tonight in worship—you might sing a song or two? And close with a time of prayer. Be sure to ask about any prayer needs those in your group may have.

BEFORE YOU GO!

- Remember the 'empty chair'! Who will you invite to be a part of this group next week?
- Talk with your group about FOOD. Do we want to plan to eat together on occasion? If so, how often and when?
- Group leaders, send the names of those in your group to jblack@fpunet.com or text it to 931-993-3246. Designate someone to send in a count for your group each week! That can be e-mailed directly to the church at wscoc@fpunet.com
- Be sure everyone knows WHEN & WHERE you'll be meeting NEXT WEEK!