

"I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

Psalm 22:22-23

"The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: 'He is good; his love endures forever.'"

2 Chronicles 5:13a

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior."

Habakkuk 3:17-18

"In the new wineskin, people come ready to worship...from the moment the first note is struck we are at 35,000 feet and soaring in the Spirit."

Graham Cooke

C. What I Bring To The Corporate Worship Experience

D. The Maturity To Glorify God

Group Discussion Questions

Connecting

1. Share a "quirk" about your personality that others in your group may not know about.
2. If you were God, what is one thing on earth you would address right away?

Growing

3. Did your small group read the "Purpose-Driven Life" together? Perhaps you'd like to discuss the section on "Worship" during this time. (Chapters 8-14). If not, use the following questions.
4. What thoughts and ideas come to mind when you hear the word "surrender?"
5. What does it mean to surrender to God? Discuss how this is directly linked to worship.
6. Describe how your concept and view of worship is challenged by the notion of "surrendering" to God.
7. How is "living your whole life for God's pleasure" different from the way most people understand "worship"?

Applying

8. What is one area of your life that you can surrender to God? How are you going to be accountable to follow through with this desire?
9. What practical action step can you take to expand and experience your concept of worship?

Application Ideas

1. Ask God to reveal to you this week the areas in your life in which you need to trust Him more completely. Surrender them to God.
2. Think about the components of our weekly worship service—singing, music, Bible reading, message, liturgy, creative arts. It is easy to be worshipful as we sing, but how could you be more worshipful in the other components of the service this week?
3. Keep a gratitude journal for one week. Write down everything for which you are thankful.
4. Pick a day this week and be very intentional about carrying out every task in the spirit of worship. Write down your thoughts at the end of the day (possibly keep a journal). How did this change the way you normally carried out the routine of your day (getting the kids ready for school, driving to work, doing your job, preparing your meals, grocery shopping, etc.)?

Daily Reading Plan

Monday – 2 Chronicles 5: 7-14
Tuesday – Luke 4: 14-21
Wednesday – Hebrews 13: 11-16
Thursday – Jeremiah 29: 10-14
Friday – Psalm 16

Also during this week: Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14 from “*Purpose-Driven Life*” by Rick Warren

Memory Verse for Week: Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Additional Resources

1. “*The Unquenchable Worshipper: Coming Back to the Heart of Worship*” by Matt Redman; available at Northwestern Bookstores
2. Any one of the WOW. worship CD’s (Orange, Green, or Blue). Great worship songs for home or car; available at Northwestern Bookstores
3. www.worshiptogether.com – website containing music to listen to, bible study reflections, and fun browsing!
4. www.integritymusic.com – another fun website to browse and hear samples of different music, studies, and links.
5. www.nwbooks.com – a link to the Twin Cities largest Christian bookstore... Northwestern Books



Doing Life Together

Eric McIntyre *Glorify* – Moving Deeper Into His Presence!
January 25, 2004 Luke 4:20

A. The Motivation To Glorify God

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”

Psalm 122:1

“Then (Jesus) rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.”

Luke 4:20

B. Tools For Practicing The Presence of God

“My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.”

Psalm 71:8

“So make it a habit little by little to worship Him in this way. As Him for His grace and offer Him your heart from time to time during the day in the midst of your work - at every moment if you are able.”

Brother Lawrence