

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

WORSHIP — II

Ezra 7:10

Pastor Miles McPherson – September 15, 2013



MEMORY VERSE

“For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.” (Ezra 7:10 NIV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. Review Part 1 of Sunday Message series:

1. Worship happens when we clearly see the **holiness** of God.
 - *A spontaneous response of respect that acknowledges God’s holiness.*
 - *You worship experience will be directly proportionate to your view of God’s holiness.*
2. Worship happens when we clearly see our **sinfulness**.
 - *A spontaneous response of respect that acknowledges man’s sinfulness.*
 - *Your worship experience will be directly proportionate to your view of your sinfulness in the eyes of God.*
3. Worship happens when we submit humbly to **serve** God from the heart.
 - *A spontaneous response of respect that acknowledges a willingness to serve in humble submission.*
 - *Your worship experience will be directly proportionate to your willingness to please God.*
 - *Accurate view of **sinful** self.*



COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS — WORSHIP, PART TWO

In week two, we continue the study of worship, specifically, the preparation of worship. Pastor Miles broke down the three different preparations that need to happen as we enter into worship:

1. Prepare your **body** for worship. (*Rom. 12:1*)
2. Prepare your **mind** for worship. (*Psalms 138:1*)
3. Prepare your **heart** for worship. (*Psalms 9:1*)

Our study this week will simply follow each of these three points and the corresponding verses. We hope that your study this week will be fruitful in your pursuit of true worship of Jesus as our Lord and our King!

Study Questions:

1. Read Rom. 11:33-12:2 together as a group. As we consider preparing our **bodies** for worship, identify the following:
 - In Rom. 11:33-36, what are the attributes or characteristics of God that are listed?
 - In Rom. 12:1, Paul uses the word 'therefore' signifying a follow-up to the previous section (11:33-36). What do you think is Paul's point in 12:1-2?
 - Read Rom. 6:13, 16, and 19 with 12:1-2. How are we required to pursue God according to 12:1-2? What does a 'proper offering' look like according to Paul in these passages?
 - In response to these passages, how are you living according to the grace and righteousness of Christ? Is worship a daily occurrence or only once a week? What defines worship according to these passages?
2. Read Psalm 138 together as a group. As we consider preparing our **minds** for worship, simply identify how David pursued worship in this prayer to God. What are the names and titles David identifies God as and why is that important for worship? How can you apply this same form of prayerful worship in your own life?
3. Read Psalm 9 together as a group. As we consider preparing our **hearts** for worship, answer the following questions in reference to this Psalm.
 - As you read this psalm, what are the different themes that arise?
 - What is David's response to every part of the psalm?
 - How is David's heart displaying true worship to God?
 - In the midst of trial and distress how have you expressed worship toward God much like David?



