

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

### WORSHIP — III

2 Chronicles 20

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## MEMORY VERSE

“After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army: ‘Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.’” (2 Chron. 20:21 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 THREE

In week three the focus of worship is based upon our faith. We can only worship that which we have faith in. Faith often indicates it is in something unseen. However true this may be sometimes it isn't true all the time. This particular word for faith in Hebrew means to remain faithful, or to have stability. The proposal from Jehoshaphat in 2 Chron. 20:20 is that the people remain and be faithful in their trust in YHWH. Don't turn away but remain firmly planted in the truth. In this sort of faith God receives true worship.

Here Jehoshaphat was concerned with battle, but the same truth applies in all other areas of life. We are pressed often by the ways of the world to abandon our trust and faith in Christ to follow worldly passions. Or we will be willing to compromise in areas of our faith where firm rootedness can easily be abandoned.

The following questions should help us walk through areas of faithfulness in our lives toward being obedient to Jesus.

### Study Questions:

1. Read Colossians 1:23 together as a group. Paul states, "If you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel" then we will be reconciled to God through Christ. How does this encourage or challenge your view of faith? Are you "*firmly established*" in the gospel? Explain.
2. Discuss as a group the areas of life where standing "*firmly established*" is extremely crucial and often difficult. How were successful in those situations? How did you fall short and what lessons did you learn through those circumstances?
3. Read Psalm 40:6 and Isaiah 43:23-24 together as a group. Notice the similarities in the passages. What is required for proper worship and what are they actually doing instead? How can we compare our current cultural situation with theirs? How do we *think* we are worshipping God when in fact we truly *are not*?

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