

## LOVE WINS – LIFE Group Study Guide

Palm Sunday – Why We Worship  
Rock Campus Pastors – March 20, 2016



In today's study, we're looking at the topic of worship – it could be said that true worship is the response that we show toward that which we love the most. Love and worship go hand in hand. The problem for us is that our love can drift from things to people to other "gods."

### Opening Discussion:

1. What is the difference between the definition of love in these statements?
  - "I love ice cream"
  - "I love my wife"
2. What does it mean when someone says, "I love God?"

### Digging Deeper:

Isaiah is one of the greatest prophets in the Old Testament, and it all started with a powerful encounter that he had with God...

#### → Read Isaiah 6:1-4

3. How would you describe God, based on this vision?
4. Put yourself in this scene... what are you feeling? What are you thinking?

#### → Read Isaiah 6:5-8

5. How did Isaiah respond when he encountered God?
6. What did Isaiah need in order to be in the presence of God?
7. What has God provided for you to be able to be in his presence? (see *Hebrews 10:19-25* for more on this topic) Do you feel worthy to be in his presence today? Why or why not?

8. How is Isaiah's response to God's question in verse 8 and act of worship?

### **Applying it to My Life:**

9. What hinders you from fully worshiping God with your life? How will you allow God to deal with that "thing" in your life today?

### **Take it Home:**

Worship is your response to who God is, and to his amazing love for you:

#### **→ Read 1 John 3:1-3**

- How does verse 1 describe God's love?
- What do you think the word "lavished" means? How would you lavish love on someone? Have you ever experienced someone loving you in this way? What did they do to show you their love?
- What do these verses say about our identity? Who do they claim that we are?
- What is the hope that verse 3 refers to?
- Verse 3 describes a response of worship to God's love and the future he has for us. How would you describe this response?

Pray that God would be honored in your life through your words, lifestyle, decisions, and purity.

See how many ways that you can show your love for God this week!