Discussion Questions November 15-21

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here: <u>https://www.biblechapel.org/sermons/</u>

1. If someone were to write a song about you, what would it be called? Who would you want to sing it? (*Icebreaker courtesy of Mike/Yvette Hershey's DCG*)

Worship is displaying the worth of God in our lives. It is much more than singing. It involves our constant and total response to God—every day, all day. God alone must be the subject and object of our worship.

- Read Revelation 19:1-10. In a social media driven celebrity culture, many Christians are tempted to become fans and followers of certain teachers. How does Revelation 19:9-10 address man's tendency to direct his worship away from God? How can you guard against "worshiping" man rather than God?
- Read John 4:23-24. From the sermon message this weekend, what did we learn is the meaning of worshipping God "in spirit and in truth?" Read Psalm 18:1-3 and list the truths you learn about God. Is there a particular truth about God in this passage that you are especially clinging to in this season?
- 4. **Read Romans 12:1-2**. Discuss the mercies of God in the believer's experience. From the sermon message and passages we reviewed this past weekend, what did Paul mean when he said that we should present our bodies as living sacrifices?
- 5. **Read Hebrews 13:15-16**. Discuss what we learned these verses teach us about the inner essence of worship and the external expression of worship from the message this past weekend. Is there anything that has been stopping you recently from worshipping God in spirit and truth (if so, consider using this as a time of confession and repentance to come home and worship the Living God; and as group members lift each other up in prayer in these areas).



Bible References

Revelation 19:1-10

19 After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

"Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
² for his judgments are true and just;
for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

³Once more they cried out,

"Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying,

"Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said^[a] to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." ¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do

that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

John 4:23-24

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Psalm 18:1-3

18 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

- ² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- ³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Romans 12:1-2

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers,^[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.^{[b] 2} Do not be conformed to this world,^[c] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.^[d]

Hebrews 13:15-16

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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