



Study Group: Participant Guide
Elements: Worship – February 19th-25th

CHECK-IN

*An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.*

DISCUSSION

Main Topics: Worship, God-Centered vs Self-Centered, God's Glory

- Pastor Matthew asked, "What is the chief end of man?" He answered it by saying, "To glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Why is God's glory the end goal of worship?
 - How does this affect your perspective on the priority of worship?
- Practically speaking, how does worshipping God change us?
- Pastor Matthew said the concept of worship has been isolated to music. Why is this an unhealthy reality for the Church?
- Pastor Matthew said, "We ought to think fundamentally in our lives about this (worship)." How can you begin to think of worship more holistically? (see 1 Corinthians 10:31)
 - Let's think practically as a group about a few examples. How can we worship while we:
 - 1) physically eat a meal?
 - 2) drive in our cars?
 - 3) execute our tasks at work?
 - 4) play with, discipline, feed, or give instruction to our kids?
- We were made to worship the Lord, but our hearts are prone to worshipping other things. How do you know when you've started worshipping creation over the Creator?

Read Acts 2:42-47

- What stands out to you from this Scripture as we think about it from a worship perspective?
- What would it look like for us to *devote* ourselves to our church's teaching, fellowship, communion, and prayer?
- How can you approach Sunday morning services with a more worshipful mindset?
- How do you see self-centeredness in your own worship, mindset, and life?
- Pastor Matthew said, "Fundamentally we are here to please God, not pursue what pleases us." How does that challenge you?

Reflect

- What practical step will you take this week to prioritize the element of worship in your walk with Christ?