



THE PSALMS

Experiencing God through the songs of his people.



HEART OF WORSHIP (Psalm 96) HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE

Who needs worship anyway? We all do! We need worship because we are unique creatures made in the image of God. We are made for God, so we can't fulfill our purpose unless we develop a right relationship with Him. Worship helps us to do that when we focus on the Lord. As we join with other worshipers in church, our hearts are lifted out of this temporal world into God's eternal world.

According to William Temple, in worship the conscience is quickened by the holiness of God, the mind is fed by the truth of God, the imagination is purged by the beauty of God, the heart is opened to the love of God, and the will is devoted to the purpose of God. And thus we are helped onward in our goal of becoming more like God.

CONVERSATION STARTER -

What are some of your favorite worship songs? Why are they meaningful to you?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Please read aloud Psalm 96.

Pastor Jason said **"The Lord is the only great and glorious God, we should worship Him, witness of Him, and wait expectantly for His return."** What attributes or characteristics of God do you believe are great and glorious?

VS 1-6 – A heart of worship focuses our attention on the one who deserves it. We live in a world of ample distractions. What distracts you from focusing on God?

VS 7-10 – A heart of worship gives witness to God. When you are at work or in your neighborhood; how do your actions point to your faith in Jesus? Are there ways that you could be more vocal about your faith? What holds you back from doing so?

VS 11-13 – A heart of worship is ready for Christ's return. How do you ready or prepare yourself for worship? What current events do you see as signs that Christ's return is imminent (soon)?

MAKING IT REAL

What can you praise or give thanks to God for during this season of the corona virus? How can that testimony encourage someone who does not know Christ? Who could you share that testimony with this week?