

Priority: Worship

February 23, 2020

Reading/discussion

- What resonated with you the most from this sermon? Explain.
- Describe the most moving worship experience you can remember being a part of.
- Dan defined worship as “directing your affection and devotion toward someone or something in response to a perception of ultimate worth.” How does this definition change your understanding of worship? Explain.
- The two pressing questions from the sermon were “Who or what are you worshipping?” and “Is the object of your worship worthy of worship?” How would you respond to those questions?
- Dan shared that not everything can bear the weight of being ascribed ultimate worth. In your life, how have you placed worth on something that couldn’t bear the weight?
- Dan unpacked two ways we should worship God: pursuing his presence and pursuing his honor. Where do you feel like you might be regarding both of those ways of worshipping God?
- Read through **Revelation 4:2-11** together. What do you notice about the picture of worship given here?
- With worship as a priority, we want to seek the presence of God. How do you seek God’s presence? What does that look like in your life? What obstacles get in the way? How does seeking God’s presence affect you?
- Read **Romans 12:1** and **I Corinthians 10:31**. On a practical level, what does it look like to “offer our bodies as a living sacrifice” or to “do it all for the glory of God?” What keeps you from doing this? What encourages you to do it?
- How does this passage, sermon, and/or daily work challenge you to live differently?

Encouragement:

- What do you sense God doing in you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing around you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing through you that you need courage for?

Accountability: *At this time, the group may want to split into smaller, gendered groups.*

- Who are you in God's eyes? Who are you in the eyes of this group?
- What has your time in God's Word and prayer been like this week?
- What have you learned about discipleship this week?
- How have you loved God and loved others this week?
- Who are you trying to connect to Jesus?
- Where have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- What strongholds have you wrestled with this week?

Practice:

Commit to spending time with God, worshiping him each day this week. Make a commitment to attend church weekly for the next month. Get to service a little early. Ask God how you can worship by serving as you arrive. Notice what he says and then participate with him in it. Think of coming to bring an offering to God rather than receiving something from him. Notice how this practice changes your experience of the worship gathering.

Looking ahead:

Sunday, April 19, we're canceling regular services at The Creek to get out into our community and love our neighbors in a tangible way. As a part of **Serve Day**, we're praying 2000 people will take on practical projects, and hopefully through these acts of service, people's hearts will be opened to the love of Jesus.

Our hope is that life groups will choose to participate in Serve Day through DIY projects so they are able to invest in relationships they've already established.

Be sure to check out thecreek.serveday.com for more information and ideas, but for now, begin **talking** and **praying** with your group about how you might be able to engage in The Creek's very first Serve Day.