



Worship

Date: Sunday 7th November

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Key Verses: Psalm 96, Romans 12:1

Talk Summary:

- Psalm 96 gives us a really helpful context for the importance of meeting together to worship, and highlights 3 points: worship is a sign of what's to come, it's a signpost to the world, and is a sign of hope
- Worship is a sign of what's to come: As we worship together, we experience part of our destiny, which is an eternity spent joining with all creation, all God's family, and all of Heaven, to give to God the praise that He's worthy of.
- Worship is a signpost to the world: Worship songs are a great format of sharing the truth of the gospel. As we come together to collectively declare who God is, those who don't know Jesus are told about Him and witness the faith of many believers. Who could you invite to come and experience this collective worship?
- Worship is a sign of hope: All of us are on a journey, and as we worship together, we stand by each other, and share in each other's joys and burdens. The faith of those around us lifts us up, our load gets lighter, and we can have collective joy over good news, all on our journey towards Jesus through worship.
- What does that mean for us as individuals? It invites us to come having prepared our hearts, being expectant to meet with God, and having listened to God for how He might use us to encourage others.

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Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? *(Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it)*

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

1. How do you find sung worship? Do you enjoy it or struggle with it? Even if you don't enjoy it, what benefits can you find of it?
2. How has worship brought you hope in a difficult situation? / Do you have a testimony of how you've shared worship with those around you who don't know Jesus? How did that go?
3. What are some practical ways of preparing ourselves before times of collective worship?
4. Romans 12:1 says that our ultimate worship is laying down our whole lives. What practical ways can you think of to worship God throughout your life? What does laying down our whole lives look like?

Witness - How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?