

Life Group Discussion Guide

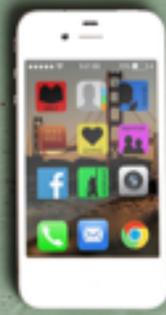
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEW WORSHIP

Hebrews 10:19-23

Stuart Jones - June 26, 2016

MY
FAVORITE
THINGS



INTRODUCTION

About 20 years ago a number of men from First Christian annually attended stadium worship events associated with Promise Keepers. Those events brought together as many as 60,000 men to one place with one purpose—to worship our God.

The cheers, the singing, the accolades and the tears were all about worshipping God. In a stadium reserved for cheering for the home team, men were gathered simply to express their love for God and to let Him pour into their lives.

Upon returning home from one of those events, one man said to another, “I wish our church people could experience the level of worship we did at PK last night.”

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. When you were a kid, what item was the most valuable to you (baseball card, Barbie, etc.)?
2. In your own words define worship. What is worship and what does it mean to worship?

EVALUATE IT

1. Is worship singing songs on Sunday morning? Explain your answer.
2. Read Hebrews 10:22a. Stuart suggested we prepare ourselves for worship? What does that look like and how do we do it?
3. Hebrews 4:14-16. We should also approach worship with confidence as well as preparation. Why should we be confident? What does a confident worshipper look like?
4. Stuart said, “He has taken these failed and flawed people in the midst of all of our sins and short-comings that have even been on display before we walked in here and made us worthy to stand in front of the presence of God...the word that best fits that is reverence.” How are we to be reverent in worship? Is reverence external or internal?
5. Is worship designed for us and aimed at us? Why or why not?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Worship isn't meant to be a twenty-minute thing one day a week. What can you do to worship Monday through Saturday?
2. Do you prepare yourself for worship each Sunday? If not, what do you need to do to come to FCC prepared for worship with a mind that is both confident in Christ and reverent of Christ?

When God is not greatly praised, it's only because we don't think He's that great of a God. When our worship is small, it's because our concept of God is small. When we offer God little bitty sacrifices, it's because we've somehow reduced Him in our hearts to a little-bitty God. Our vision has become clouded, our hearts distracted.

As a result, our lives shrivel into insignificance and meaninglessness. We just bump along in this mass of humanity, having no real clue what life's all about. We fret. We get depressed. We worry and get bent out of shape. We go down all kinds of dead-end paths as we try to accomplish everything by ourselves.

We lose sight of the reality of all realities: There's an infinite, limitless God high and exalted on His throne, ruling with all power and authority over the heavens and the earth. A God who's still running the show—running our lives and running the whole universe on His timetable.

- Louie Giglio



Interested in joining or starting a Life Group?
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