

Sermon Discussion Guide

Revelation: Worship
Revelation 15:2-4; 19:1-5
November 7 & 8, 2020

Part 1: Pray

Every time we study God's word we should ask God to use the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, teach us and mold us into who he created us to be. Ask God to reveal his truth to transform you through your discussion time.

Part 2: Read the Text

Read the passage(s) from the sermon. Keep a focus on key words, repeated phrases or major themes.

Part 3: Reflect on the Sermon

Introduction

1. Are you a worshipper, or an attender? Elaborate on what it means that worship is the "white hot enjoyment of God."
2. Think about the significance of this passage to its original audience of the persecuted church. How does suffering and persecution change our worship?

Worship: The Problem.

1. Maybe you have thought of God as your king and your shepherd, but have you thought about him as your bridegroom? What comes to mind with that image compared to the image of king and shepherd?

2. The problem in our worship is that we so often worship the wrong thing - we give in to the seductive satisfaction of the creation instead of the creator. Take some time in your group to honestly discuss what besides God “has your heart”. Why are these things so seductive and tempting? In what ways have you ultimately found these unsatisfying?
3. What does it mean to be moved by God? Have you had such an experience?

Worship: The Conversion.

1. Ray said that we are converted and changed by God’s deeds and his character. What of God’s deeds and/or character lead to your conversion?
2. What makes God’s gift of giving us Jesus so amazing? How does God’s faithfulness to us inform our worship?

Worship: The Practice.

1. To worship God is to care about his glory more than we care about our own - to not be navel gazer. Discuss why and how this is an accurate definition of worship.
2. The scene of worship in this passage is of a host of people (not individuals). What makes worship as a corporate act so important? How have you experienced the benefits of worshipping together with others?

Part 4: Summarize the Message

How would you summarize the sermon to someone who has never heard it? What are your two or three key takeaways from the message and your discussion?

How does this sermon change your perspective on God? Your own heart? And/or, how to follow Jesus?