

# Matters of the Heart

## A Worshipping Heart

### NOTES / OBSERVATIONS

#### GETTING READY FOR OUR JOURNEY INTO WORSHIP

- ▶ Proverbs 4:23 – Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
- ▶ Worship = Giving everything we are to everything God is.
- ▶ God is... Creator, Sustainer, Good, Holy, Righteous, Pure, Beautiful, True, Wise, Loving, Merciful, Just, All-knowing, All-powerful, Everywhere present, Sovereign, Engaged in the intimate details of our lives, Faithful, Eternal, Unchanging
- ▶ God is actively seeking worshippers (John 4:23-24)
- ▶ How God first taught His people to worship (Tabernacle in the Desert)
  - ① AWARENESS – Recognizing God is always in our midst  
(Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 13:5)
  - ② VALUE – Assigning maximum worth to God (Nicene Creed)
  - ③ SURRENDER – Letting go of lesser-valued things (Psalm 63:4; Exodus 23:15)
  - ④ CONFESSION – Closing the gap between holy and sinful  
(1 John 1:9)
  - ⑤ APPRECIATION – Sacrificial covering, water cleaning, light guidance & bread provision
  - ⑥ INTERCESSION – Aligning our desires to God's desires  
(Psalm 37:4)
  - ⑦ PRESENCE – Holy of Holies / Access to God + Forgiveness + Salvation + Fellowship (Revelation 3:20)

## LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of May 7-13, 2017

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Sermons can be viewed online at [creeksideeg.com/sermon](http://creeksideeg.com/sermon)

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

#### PRAYER

Begin your time together by asking God to teach you to go deeper into a lifestyle of worship.

#### MY STORY

Describe a time when you had a "breakthrough experience" with God which opened you up to a clearer picture of who He is.

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. What new insight(s) did you gain from Sunday's message regarding worship?
2. Looking back on the seven steps of worship presented on Sunday (Awareness, Value, Surrender, Confession, Appreciation, Intercession and Presence), which of these aspects of worship needs the most development in your life? Why?
3. Read **Mark 12:30**. When asked about the greatest command, Jesus answered that we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. How does this command speak into developing a lifestyle of worship?

4. Read **Psalm 139** individually in silence and then again out loud. Take time to note what is being said about God and our relationship with Him. Then convert your discoveries into a time of spontaneous group prayer, praise and worship. (Don't rush this one!)

#### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

5. Read **Psalm 95:1-7**. This is clearly a psalm of exuberant worship. Take time to list what is celebrated about God here (i.e., He is the Rock of our salvation [v.1]). Once again, take time to convert your discoveries into a spontaneous time of prayer, praise and worship.

#### TAKING IT HOME

6. Are you ready for a challenge? Read **Psalm 145** out loud and exuberantly (i.e., like you're at a sporting event and your team just took the lead!)
7. Based on Sunday's message and your own study, do you sense a need to change how you worship God?
8. Memorize **Psalm 63:4**. (I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.)

#### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and ask God to help you live a lifestyle of worship.