



Journal

Chapter 11: WORSHIP

Personal Study

Last week you examined your beliefs about eternity. Perhaps you were challenged to share your faith with someone who is far from God. This week before your group meeting, read *Believe, Chapter 11: Worship*. Then take some time to prepare your heart for the lessons God wants to teach you.

Read

Read *Believe, Chapter 11: Worship* and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these verses.

2. As you read these passages, what questions came to your attention?

3. What did you read that amazed you?

Refreshed you? _____

Challenged you? _____

4. What made the animal sacrifices of the Israelites an unacceptable act of worship to God? How can we learn from their mistake?

5. What do the harsh words Jesus directed at the Pharisees tell us about the type of worship he desires?

6. Worship is expressed in many different ways in this chapter (i.e., singing, sacrifice, conviction, and gratitude). How is worship expressed in your life?

Evaluate

Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 11: Worship, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a 1–6 scale (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).

- _____ I thank God daily for who he is and what he is doing in my life.
- _____ I attend religious services and worship with other believers each week.
- _____ I give God the credit for all that I am and all that I possess.
- _____ I am not ashamed for others to know that I worship God.

Take Action

Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week's Key Verse to memory.

Key Verses: “Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.” (Psalm 95:1 – 2)

Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, does my life reflect this statement?

Key Idea: Key Idea: I worship God for who he is and what he has done for me.

Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.

1. How could this practice express itself in your life?

2. What visible attributes can be found in someone committed to the practice of worship?

3. What is impeding your ability to make worship part of your everyday activity? How can you overcome these obstacles?

4. What action step can you take this week to give God more honor and praise?
