

WORSHIP

What should I do (because I believe)?

VIDEO TEACHING NOTES

Key Question: How do I honor God in the way he _____?

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

Key Verse: "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 _____ and extol him with music and song." (Psalm 95:1-2)

(Key Application) I _____ acknowledge God for who he is and what he has done for me.

(Key Application) I worship God, _____ and _____, with the songs I sing, the words I speak and the way I live my life.

(Key Application) When I attribute _____ to God as a child of God, unmerited worth is attributed to me.

GROUP DISCUSSION

As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statements are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging and why?

- 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.

Choose 2-3 questions that will lead to best discussion about the Key Idea

1. As a group, make a list of different ways that worship can be expressed to God.
2. What about God's character compels you to give him your worship?
3. Discuss which worship song lyrics best describe your thoughts and feelings about God.
4. In what diverse ways do you see others expressing worship to God?

Read Matthew 23:1-28 together and choose 1-2 questions to discuss.

1. In what ways can worship become a heartless ritual?
2. What can we learn from Jesus' rebuke of the Pharisees? How do we keep ourselves from making the same mistake?
3. What has God done in your life that produced a desire to worship him?

OTHER PASSAGES

Psalms 95:1-7

Daniel 6:1-27

Isaiah 1:11-20

Matthew 23:1-28

Hebrews 10:1-25

Acts 16:16-35

Exodus 15:1-21

Luke 22:7-30

Colossians 3:1-17

CLOSING PRAYER

BELIEVE SERIES Lesson Eleven

PERSONAL QUESTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Believe, Chapter 12: Prayer and/or read the following passages:

Psalms 66:16-20

Mark 1:32-35

Luke 6:12-16

Mark 6:39-46

Matthew 26:36-46

Psalms 13:1-6

Psalms 77:1-20

Eccl. 5:1-7

Judges 6:1-7:25

Psalms 25:1-22

Genesis 18:20-33

2 Kings 20:1-11

Luke 11:1-13

Philippians 4:6-9

Answer the following questions

1. Jesus prayed before and after each major event in his life. What can we learn from this pattern of prayer Jesus demonstrated?
2. What can we learn about prayer from the psalmist and Solomon?
3. In the Passage from Luke 11, what are the main points of Jesus' teaching about prayer?
4. How do Paul's words about prayer encourage you? How do they challenge you?

Key Verse: "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!" (Psalm 66:18-20)

Key Idea: I pray to God to know him to find direction for my life and to lay my requests before him.

Personal Application

1. How could the key idea practice be applied in your life?
2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who regularly connects with God through prayer?
3. What is impeding your ability to communicate with God? How can you overcome these obstacles?
4. What action step can you take this week to develop your connection with God through prayer?