

Small Group Study Guide

“The Spirit and Worship” | Joyfully Spirit-Filled Series | From Sunday November 3, 2019

Appetizer:

Question: What is arguably one of the most distinctive aspects of Christianity relative to all other faiths and religions?

[The presence of God resides within us. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit gives us access to relationship with our God and helps us to worship.]

Main Course:

Question: What is worship?

[Ascribing worth and value to something.]

Question: Which way does the worship flow for everyone other than a Christian?

[One way.]

Question: What are some distinctives of worship for non-Christians?

[Superficial benefits, no hope, no guarantee, no divine involvement in life, performance-based.]

Question: What are some distinctives of Christian worship - unique only to us?

[Two way relationship, hope, divine intervention, grace and surrender based]

Question: Describe the distinctions of worshiping in Truth only versus worshiping in Spirit only.

[(Acknowledgement of God’s work in Creation and the Cross) vs (No theological roots and emotionalism)]

Question: What are the dangers of worshiping exclusively one way or the other?

[(Dry and uninspired relationship lacking dynamic spirituality) vs (Chasing after feelings, and not knowing the God we serve)]

Dessert:

Examine the nature of your worship. Where is your expression in the tension of worshipping in Spirit and in Truth? Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to share in your worship to Jesus, or is He on the sidelines watching?

Question: What do Christians mean when we distinguish between worship and Spirit-filled worship?

[The Holy Spirit worships WITH us, when we invite and engage Him in our worship. His role is to magnify Jesus in us. It is not to Him or for Him. He desires to stir our hearts with a fresh passion for God’s presence when we call upon the name of Jesus - if we let Him. That involves our whole being, including our emotions and our bodies, not just our minds and our vocal chords. We are not God’s robots nor puppets. It is possible to go our entire lives without knowing how to worship fully in Spirit, but in truth only.]