**Small Group Questions: April 14, 2019**

**The Larger Christian Life: Worship**

1. Last week the discipline of Scripture Meditation was presented. How have you been active since then in Scripture meditation? Did you get a chance to do the weekly challenge (“*Sit in a quiet place with your Bible. Remind yourself that the Bible is God’s Word and is the primary way in which He speaks to us. Place yourself in God’s presence and ask Him to speak to you through his Word. Open your Bible and read a short passage slowly taking your time. When a word or phrase pops out to you, attend to it and seek what God might be saying to you through it. Dwell on that phrase or word and let it sink into your mind and heart. Bring it back to mind throughout the day.*”)? If so, what did you discover?
2. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. What is your favourite way to worship God? Why do you think that is?
4. Read John 4:23. What do you think it means to worship God in Spirit and in truth?
   1. Read the surrounding passage of the verse. What do you think is the main point Jesus is trying to make to the woman about worship?
   2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:15. What does this add to the discussion about the John passage?
5. Take a look at Revelation 4:8 which provides a picture of worship in heaven. What are your thoughts on this passage?
6. Pastor Keith mentioned that we need to be motivated for spiritual disciplines primarily by worship or else it is just a form of idolatry. How do you understand this concept? Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
   1. It was also taught that true worship is the cure for idolatry (2 Corinthians 5:14–15). Has this been your experience?
7. In the message it was said, “Worship can only be called worship if it comes from the sincerest depths of our being” (2 Samuel 6). Do you agree? Why or why not?
   1. Do you notice a difference when you are worshiping with lip-service and when you are truly worshiping from your heart?
   2. What are some factors that lead to your worship being more or less sincere?
8. There are two ways in which we worship God: we praise God for who He is, and we are grateful for what He has done for us. What is it about God that you find most praiseworthy?
   1. What is the thing (other than salvation) that you are most grateful to God for? In other words, what is something that regularly causes you to give thanks to God when you think of it?
   2. What is it about the cross that you find most earth-shattering?

**This Week’s Challenge:** Did you ever go to an event or watch a movie that you really, really enjoyed or bought a product that way exceeded your expectations. Chances are that you passionately had a conversation with someone describing your experience because you just wanted to tell someone.

This week, identify something that you find particularly amazing about who God is or what He has done for you, and share that with someone in conversation.