



6-10-18 Sermon Discussion Guide

"Salty Faith: Worship"



Context

We continue our spring and early summer sermon series entitled "Salty Faith." It asks the question, "What difference does follow Jesus make in our lives?" This is a big question with big implications. It can make all the difference in the world. In the coming weeks, we'll explore many facets of this question and take a more specific look at how this question impacts us. This week we discuss worship. What is worship? What makes worship distinctly Christian? What do we experience in worship?

Checking In

Since the last time your group has met, how have each of you experienced God at work? What have you celebrated? What have you mourned?

Introduction

What does it mean to worship something? Not necessarily in a religious sense, but more generally speaking, what is worship?

Discussing the Texts – 1 Chronicles 16:8-36

1. Where do you see thanksgiving in this passage? For what are people giving thanks?
2. Where do you see celebration in this passage? What are people celebrating?
3. Where do you see people asking God for help in this passage? For what are they asking for help?
4. This passage is actually a collection of three different Psalms. Many of the Psalms were read aloud in corporate worship services. How would the corporate reading of this passage equip people in their faith in God?
5. Who do you think was hearing or reading these prayers? How can you tell?
6. What does this passage tell us about worship? Who is the subject of our worship?
7. What does this passage tell us about God?

So what?

1. How have you experienced community, celebration, and God's grace in a worship service?
2. How is worship in a corporate worship service different from worship elsewhere?
3. What do people miss when they do not participate in a corporate worship service?
4. How can you incorporate more celebration in your worship of God?
5. How do we make sure that our corporate worship equips us to follow Jesus better?
6. How does this passage give you hope?
7. How does this passage challenge you?
8. How can you apply this passage to your life this week?

Prayer

Have the group share any prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving they may have. Then invite the group to take time enjoying God's presence throughout the week, and as they do so, they can pray to God.