

Small Group Discussion Questions

Spirit and Truth: Rediscovering Christian Worship

These questions are designed to invite group reflection on today's Bible passage and life application of the themes introduced in today's sermon.

Week 4: Most Worthy

Psalm 145

1. Have you ever been required to perform a task or adopt a role you thought was beneath you? How did it feel? How would you, or the people around you, react to being commanded to kneel? Before what kind of person *might* you kneel?
2. Who is the stated author of Psalm 145? What do you know about him, and about others who played a similar role in ancient societies? What is the first thing the author says about who God is in relation to himself?
3. Think about the greatest thing you have ever witnessed *and* the greatest person you can think of. What made it great; what makes *them* great? How do you, or would you, respond in the presence of true greatness? What does David say about God's greatness? What does that suggest about how we should respond to God?
4. David calls God "most worthy". To what thing (occupation, possession, relationship) do you devote the best of your time, energy, resources and attention? What does that say about how much you value that thing?
5. David says that generations of God's people will "tell of God's wonderful works and great deeds". What are some of the works of God that David names in the Psalm? What "great deeds" of God can you recall from other Bible stories? Does the Psalm place limits on the scope of God's work (i.e., is God's intervention limited *only* to supernatural events)?
6. Looking back on your life, can you recall experiences that you see now as "God's great deeds"? What about everyday good things?
7. In verses 8-9, David lists God's personal qualities. What are these? Would you use these words to describe a. the most powerful people in your world or b. the things in your life that demand the best of your time and attention?
8. Based on verses 4-7, what would you say is the defining characteristic of God's people? Looking at verses 10-12, with whom do God's people share this occupation? What do verses 10-12 suggest about what any person can learn just by observing Creation?
9. What do verses 18-20 say are the benefits of making God your "most worthy" – the One to whom you offer your best?

Pray: Ask God to give you a heart full of awe at His greatness *and* His goodness; offer God to be the praise of your lips and your life; invite God to be your "most worthy" – the focus and foundation of your life.