



SERMON

SMALL GROUPS

“Enter” – A Life of Worship

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

- This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. After considering the needs of your group, you may choose one of the following options:
 - ◆ one section of questions
 - ◆ one or two questions from each section
- Feel free to adapt the format to meet the needs of your group. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, add Scripture and ask suitable questions. Remember that this is only a guide.
- Personal application is key to everyone’s growth and should be included in every discussion. When asked how he or she intends to apply a certain principle a group member may say, “I need to spend more time in the Bible and in prayer.” It is important for you to help group members make applications that are more specific and commit to a specific plan of action by asking, for example, “How are you going to begin?” An example is to get up 30 minutes earlier each morning, spending 15 minutes reading the Bible and 10 minutes in prayer. Encourage each group member to be accountable to the group for personal progress at the next meeting.
- As the leader your goal is to help bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their need for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.



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Introduction

In this series “ENTER” we will take a look at what God has called us to be as New Testament worshippers. King David, Minstrel David, “Man after God’s own heart” – David is the Biblical model and prototype of what a worshipper looks like. That is why New Testament worship is patterned after and modeled by the Psalms. In this lesson we will look at 3 key ingredients in the life of David that will help us to Live in His presence and keep our lives focused on Jesus.

[Hosea 6:2]

...He will restore us, so that we may live in His presence.

3 - Things we can learn from the worship life of David:

1. Be an intentional worshipper

- **[Hebrews 13:15]** - *Through Jesus , let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise... the fruit of our lips*
- **[Psalm 16:7-8]** - I will bless the LORD who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.
- **[Psalm 26:12]** - Now I stand on solid ground, and I will publicly praise the LORD.
- **[Psalm 34:1-3]** - I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the LORD’s greatness; let us exalt his name together.



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- **[Habakkuk 3:17-19]** - ¹⁷ Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

(Footnote in the original = *This prayer is to be accompanied by stringed instruments.*)

Worship is not determined by how I feel or if circumstances are right! ... **it's a choice based on the faithfulness and character of God!**

2. Make declarations of Dependence in your worship!

- **[Psalm 121]** - ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- **[Psalm 73:25-26]** - Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My heart and my flesh may fail, but God is the strength of my life and my portion forever.

Declaring our dependence is the way we magnify God and gain perspective in our lives. As we tell Him we are weak, we worship by saying “you are strong” ... as we confess we are lost we magnify Him by saying “you are my guide and you know the way I should go” This type of worship requires a posture of humility and positions us to be exalted by the Lord



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- **[2 Chronicles 20:6,7 & 12]** - He prayed, “O LORD, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you! ‘Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war, plague, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence before this Temple where your name is honored. We can cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us. For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

3. Live Life Focused on Jesus

In the book of Revelation Jesus is revealed as the bright Morning Star, the First and the Last , The Beginning and the End. He is the triumphant Lion of Judah, He is the ruler of the kings of the earth, He is crowned with many crowns. With Justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, His feet like glowing bronze and His mighty voice like the sound of rushing waters. HE IS THE GREAT I AM! The one who was and is and in to come!

In Genesis Jesus is the Ram at Abraham’s altar. In exodus He’s the Passover Lamb. In Leviticus He’s the High Priest.. In Job He’s our “Redeemer that ever Liveth” In Psalms He is my shepherd and I shall not Want,

In Isaiah He’s the suffering Servant and in Daniel He is the 4th Man in the midst of a fiery furnace, IN Zechariah He is our fountain, and in Malachi He is the Son of Righteousness with Healing in His wings

in 1st Corinthians He is our Resurrection , In 2nd Corinthians our Sin Bearer In Thessalonians He is our soon and Coming King, in Titus He is our Blessed Hope, and in Revelation He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords

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- **[Psalm 27]** - ⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. ⁶ Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD. ⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. ⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek.

The promise to those who seek:

He will:

- **Keep me**
- **Hide me**
- **Set me**



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Small Group Questions

1. Describe a time in your life when you had to live out this principle of choosing to say “blessed be the name of the Lord”
2. What are some of the traits of King David? How was he a "man after God's own heart?"
3. How important is vocalizing truth and spiritual reality to solidifying our faith? What are some biblical examples where we see this powerful practice?
4. In the day to day, how can we be intentional worshippers? Where are some places in your life that you would like to see a change, or an upgrade?
5. How can you understand this truth as a worshipper: "No matter what, we win!?" How can our actions reflect this even when our attitude or emotions seem contrary?
6. What happens to our spiritual location and atmosphere when we declare the faithfulness and character of God? (Consider what declarations of dependence do for our attitude toward and view of God.)
7. Describe a time in your life when you had to live out this principle of choosing to say, "blessed be the name of the Lord."
8. What is God's promise to those who seek Him? (He will: Keep me...Hide me...Set me.)