

**Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups**

**“Together We Worship”**

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**Summary**

*Have someone in your group read the following summary aloud.*

In this sermon, Pastor Daniel discusses the importance of worship as a core distinctive of New Life Church. He explains that worship is a human response based on divine revelation - when we see who God is and what He has done, we naturally respond in worship. The pastor outlines six movements of corporate worship: the gathering (coming together as believers), the singing (offering praise), the giving (of resources, friendship, and expertise), the preaching (hearing God's Word), the feasting (enjoying God's presence and fellowship), and the sending (being blessed and commissioned to go out with God's name).

**Key Passage | Psalm 95:1-7 (NIV)**

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”

**Opening Prayer**

*Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own*

**Heavenly Father,**
as we gather to discuss the power of worship in our lives, we ask that You would open our hearts to receive what You want to teach us today. Help us to understand more deeply what it means to worship You both individually and as a community of believers. May our time together not just be informative but transformative, drawing us closer to You and to one another. Guide our conversation and help us to be honest about our own worship experiences. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

**Getting Going**

***Allow time for each member to answer the following questions before moving on.***

What's your earliest memory of participating in worship, either at church or somewhere else? What feelings do you associate with that memory?

**Discussion** **Questions**

*Answer as many of the following questions as time and interest permit.*

1. Pastor Daniel defined worship as 'a human response based on a divine revelation.' How has your understanding of who God is shaped the way you worship Him?
2. Of the six movements of corporate worship discussed (gathering, singing, giving, preaching, feasting, sending), which one resonates most with you right now and why?
3. How do you respond to the challenge to attend church 40 weekends a year? What obstacles make this difficult, and what benefits might come from this commitment?
4. How does the concept of being 'sent' with God's name 'stamped on your forehead' change how you view leaving church and entering your week?
5. What practical steps can you take to make worship more central to your daily life, not just something you do on Sundays?

**Making It Personal**

*Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week’s sermon to your everyday life*

Worship is more than a moment during a Sunday service—it’s a posture of the heart and a rhythm of life. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live lives of continual praise, offering our thoughts, words, and actions to God in reverence and gratitude.

**Challenge yourself to intentionally practice worship outside of the Sunday gathering.** Choose one day this week to set aside 15–20 minutes solely for personal worship. Create an environment free of distractions—perhaps in a quiet room, during a walk, or even on your commute. Use this time to draw near to God in a way that feels meaningful and sincere. This could include:

* **Singing or playing worship music** to express adoration.
* **Reading scripture aloud**, especially Psalms or passages that proclaim God's character.
* **Praying prayers of thanksgiving and praise**, focusing less on requests and more on who God is.
* **Journaling your thoughts or writing a prayer**, responding to what you sense God is revealing.

As you do this, **pay attention to how this moment of worship influences your attitude, mindset, and awareness of God throughout the rest of your- day.** Does it bring peace? Gratitude? Conviction? Openness? Let yourself notice and reflect on the fruit of this intentional pause with God.

**Additionally, seek out one opportunity to connect with another believer for a brief time of spiritual encouragement.** This could be as simple as:

* Praying together over lunch or coffee.
* Reading and discussing a verse or two from scripture.
* Taking 5–10 minutes to share what you’re learning and listen to what God is doing in each other’s lives.

Even small moments of corporate worship—just two or three gathered in His name—carry the presence and power of God.

Top of Form

Bottom of Form

**Key Takeaways**

*Commit to memory one point from the message before you dismiss.*

* **Corporate worship forms us through six key movements:** gathering, singing, giving, preaching, feasting (communion), and sending. Each element shapes our understanding and response to God.
* **Worship in community strengthens us.** When our individual faith feels weak, the collective faith of the body of Christ can sustain and uplift us. This is why regular gathering with other believers is essential for spiritual health.
* **We are sent out with purpose.** Worship doesn't end when the service does—we leave not just as individuals, but as people commissioned with God's name and blessing to impact our communities.

**Closing Prayer**

*Have someone from your group close you time in prayer, using the words below or your own.*

**Lord,** thank You for the gift of worship and for creating us to be worshipers. We are grateful that You invite us into Your presence both individually and corporately. Help us to prioritize gathering with other believers, not just as a religious duty but as a life-giving practice that strengthens our faith. When we are weak, remind us that we can lean on the faith of our brothers and sisters. May we leave this discussion with Your name stamped on our foreheads, carrying Your presence into every interaction this week. Give us courage to worship You expressively and authentically, regardless of our circumstancesIn Jesus' name, **Amen.**

**Verses for Further Study**

**1. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)**

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

**2. Romans 12:1 (ESV)**

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*

**3. Psalm 34:1-3 (NIV)**

*"I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together."*