

Study Guide Questions

Series: Connected

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Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 4:8

For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

- What is worship? What motivates you to worship God? How do you worship God individually? How do you worship God corporately?
- Does God need to do anything for us in order to be worthy of our worship? Do you ever place demands or expectations on God that He must fulfill before you will worship Him?

Read Jeremiah 2:5,13

- What are the “two evils” the nation of Israel has committed? Share how these two things relate to our world today.
- What is idolatry? Can idols be things other than “gods” (i.e. money, fame, status, position, etc.)? How do you see idolatry popularized and accepted in our culture?
- Have you ever had any misplaced worship that turned into idolatry? Is there anything or anyone you are pursuing with greater intensity than the way you are pursuing God?

Read Psalm 95:1-7a

- We worship God because He is our Savior (v.1). What has God done for you that you could not do yourself? Because of the “idol of self” we can often think we don’t need God in certain areas of our life, or that we know better. Share about a time when you thought/acted in this way. What was the outcome?
- We worship God because He is our King (v.3). Which Bible verses help you remember God’s might and magnitude? If you were asked to give evidence that



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the Lord is a great God, what would you share? Would you share different information to a believer vs. a non-believer?

- We worship God because He is our Creator (v.6). How does knowing we are created by God draw us to worship? When you approach God, do you consider Him an equal or someone who is greater? Do you recognize your position as the one who was created? Do you ever change your body posture when worshiping (bow down, kneel, raise hands) to indicate you are submissive to God's Lordship?
- We worship God because He is our Shepherd (v.7). What does the imagery of a shepherd and sheep convey? How does this contrast with the perspective some people have of God's character? How have you experienced God's goodness from grazing in His pasture? Does the way God cares for His people direct your heart in worship?



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