

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

June 25/26, 2016; Authentic Worship

Speaker:

Worship Pastors

Scripture Focus: John 4:23-24, Romans 12:1

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed authentic is something that is true, genuine, and real. We all have a desire to be real. It's what God wants from us too. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions: Who is the most "authentic" person you have ever met? What made them authentic? Why did that stand out from other people you know?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend's message?
3. In what ways does the word "authenticity" speak to you? What does it mean that God is authentic?

Specific Questions:

1. Dan talks about worship as a response. Dan says that all relationships begin with some level of response before moving to a greater level of relational intimacy. What does it mean to be engaging and "with" God in worship? What does it mean to live a life of response to God?

2. Joel talks about how worship is vulnerable and how abundant life follows a vulnerable heart. He goes on to say that God wants us to live a full life, as explained in John 10:10. What are some areas in your life that you need to grow in vulnerability?

3. What does it mean to live an abundant life in Christ through worship?

4. Chris challenges us by asking, "How do you worship God when you don't feel like worshipping God?" He says that, "Often times, our worship comes in an outward

expression of an inward feeling.” When is it the most difficult for you to worship God? Why? What is one thing you can do amidst that difficulty?

5. Sometimes, our feelings dictate our worship and a new posture of worship is what is needed. What posture of worship could you take on to be stretched in your worship?

6. Carolina talked about leaning into the character of God as an act of worship. What is one area where you can lean more into the character of God? What dimensions of his character do you need to glean from in this season (goodness, joy, faithfulness, etc.)?

7. Pastor Mark says, “Don’t let what is wrong with you keep you from worshipping what is right with God.” What are some of the ways you can intentionally change your perspective from your present circumstances in order to worship God authentically?

Challenge:

Spend some time praying about how God wants to stretch you in a lifestyle of worship. Write that down and commit to doing that. What is one thing you can do to worship God in a new way this week?

Read, Pray, Act:

Memorize John 4:23-24:

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Pray about how God wants you to worship in the Spirit and in truth and what that looks like for you.

Memorize Romans 12:1:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”