

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: *We Are the Church*

Sermon: A Worshiping Church

Scripture: Psalm 96

Worship in the Splendor of Holiness

96 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;^[a]
tremble before him, all the earth!
¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³ before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Reflection Questions:

- What reasons would you give for the idea that worship is the highest and most important role of the Church?
- What calls to worship do you receive from other gods? Who seeks your worship in place of the one true God?
- What daily practices do you have that demonstrate God's rightful place as the only one worthy of your worship? In what ways does our time reflect or fail to reflect God's place in our life?
- In what ways do we need to lift our eyes beyond our sight to the God who reigns over all nations?
- How can you participate in God's global mission?

- In what ways is God's judgment good? How does worship invite us to anticipate the day when God will judge the earth?

Guided Prayer:

Go back to Psalm 96 and pray it as a prayer.