

GROUP GUIDE – FORMED BY THE GOSPEL

SESSION 1:6 | Life of Worship

Key Scriptures

- Romans 12:1
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 4:8
- Romans 1:21-25
- Matthew 7:16–20
- Colossians 3:17

Big Idea

A gospel-formed life is a life of worship, offering our whole selves to God in response to His mercy, following the example of Jesus, who humbly served and trusted the Father with glory.

Ice Breakers

- When you hear the word worship, what do you instinctively think of?
- What do people most organize their lives around today?
- Where do you see people finding meaning, identity, or hope?

Discussion Questions (As time allows)

1. Romans 1:21–25 — According to Paul, why is worship unavoidable for human beings?
2. Romans 12:1 — Why does Paul ground worship in God’s mercy rather than human effort?
3. A Living Sacrifice — What would Paul’s original audience have found shocking about the phrase “living sacrifice”?
4. Romans 12:1 — Why does building on sand often feel stable at first? What makes it dangerous over time?
5. Philippians 2:6–8 — How does Jesus define worship through humility, obedience, and service?

6. Luke 4:8; Matthew 6:24 — Why does Scripture consistently link worship with service?
7. Philippians 2:9–11 — Why does Jesus' worshipful obedience lead to exaltation by the Father?
8. Philippians 2:10–11; Colossians 3:17 — How does singing function as a response to worship rather than a replacement for obedience?
9. Matthew 7:16–20 — Jesus says we recognize a tree by its fruit. How do the outcomes of our lives reveal what we've been worshiping or serving?
10. Whose Glory? — What does it look like for an ordinary life to be lived for God's glory rather than self-exaltation?

Application

Take a moment to reflect: What currently receives the most of your time, attention, energy, or loyalty? This week, choose one concrete way to intentionally offer that area to God as worship. This might look like:

Examples

- Reordering schedules around what honors God
- Choosing faithfulness over convenience
- Redirecting focus from self to God
- Living as a servant rather than seeking recognition
- Trusting God with glory instead of chasing it

Lord, receive our lives as worship. Teach us to serve You alone and trust You with glory. Amen.

Key Takeaway

Everyone worships something. The gospel doesn't remove worship—it redirects it. Because of God's mercy in Jesus, we are invited to offer our whole lives as worship, following Christ's example of humble obedience and trusting the Father with glory. A life of worship isn't defined by what we sing, but by who we serve and what our lives are producing.