

Series: Starting Strong

Message: Worship - Life on the Front Lines

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There is a war for your worship.

Isaiah 14:13-14; Matthew 4:8-9

Worship leads your life.

Joshua 6

You will become like what you worship.

Psalm 115:4,8

What is the one thing God desires that only you can give? Your worship.

A true worshiper John 4:23

1. Worship in awe. Rev.1:16-17; Hebrews 12:28-29

2. Worship with Abandonment. 2 Samuel 6:21-22

3. Worship with your life. Romans 12:1

Your worship goes before you as a mighty defense.

Worship expressed in the Psalms: *Shout to God. Dance before Him. Bow down. Tell of His might. Meditate on His truth. Still your heart. Run to Him. Lift your hands. Clash the cymbals. Sing a new song. Clap your hands. Lift up your heads. Stand in awe. Walk in his ways. Cast down your idols. Make a loud noise. Tell the nations. Seek His face.*

Food for Thought - Questions for Life Groups

Review these questions in preparation for participating in a Life Group. All the questions may not be covered in their entirety. Prayer and connecting with each other are vital parts of spiritual growth.

Spend a moment and review the various ways worship is expressed in the Psalms from the previous page.

In what ways have you worshiped God?

Are there ways of expression listed there that you've never thought of before?

This list from the Psalms is by no means exhaustive. Can you think of others?

Worship is an act of adoring and praising God. It is how we can express our love and praise to Jesus who first loved us and gave himself up for us.

Read Romans 12:1-2.

From this passage, how do we truly worship God?

What can God do if we are courageous enough to give him our lives?

At times we don't feel like choosing to worship God and it is truly sacrificial. (see Habakkuk 3:16-19)

Have you been in a situation where you've had to choose to worship God through great sorrow or pain?

What happens inside of you when you make that choice to Worship God?

Read Psalm 100.

As you read this brief Psalm, what is the attitude of the worshiper?

Our God desires to have a relationship with us that's closer than family where our love for each other is freely expressed. If we worship Him because we have to, where is the love in that? Neither God nor us get any pleasure out of that kind of worship.

How do you think being thankful helps us to worship God as a response of love rather than an obligation?

List a handful of things you can thank God for today:

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's Kingdom.