

# Worship is:

- Worship is an opportunity to connect with God.
- 9 Worship GOD if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness. Psalm 34:9 (MSG)
- Worship is a <u>response</u> to God.
- 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:2-5 (NIV)
- Your response to God, affects your connection with God.
- 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath! Psalm 104:33 (NLT)
- 4 All you saints! Sing your hearts out to GOD! Thank him to his face! Psalm 30:4 (MSG)

# The words of these songs:

- Challenges us to believe.
- Calls us to greater <u>faith</u>.
- Calls us to surrender.

# Song: Goodness of God (Bethel Music)

- 15 I cannot count the times when you have faithfully rescued me from danger. I will tell everyone how good you are, and of your constant, daily care. 16 I walk in the strength of the Lord God. I tell everyone that you alone are just and good. Psalm 71:15-16 (TLB)
- Your relationship with God is personal, not private.
- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 106:1 (NLT)
  13 If we are unfaithful, he (God) remains faithful because he cannot be untrue to himself. 2 Timothy 2:13 (GWT)

### God's goodness:

- ...is not limited by my failures.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are a merciful and loving God, always patient, always kind and faithful. Psalm 86:15 (TEV)
- ...is often revealed in my darkest hour.
- 28 LORD, you give light to my lamp. My God brightens the darkness around me. Psalm 18:28 (NCV)

- 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NLT)
- 7 Where could I go to escape from you? Where could I get away from your presence? Psalm 139:7 (TEV)

"There is nothing you can do about being present with God, but it's up to you whither you benefit from His presence." Levi Lusko

- 8 Find out for yourself how good the LORD is. Happy are those who find safety with him. Psalm 34:8 (TEV)
- ...is experienced in His forgiveness of my sin.
- 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8 (TLR)
- 13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)
- 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6 (NLT2)



# TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

# Have Questions? Text them to: (559)-464-5754

# **Questions for Connection Groups:**

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Why?
- In your own words explain how worship connects you to God? Is it challenging for you to connect to God in worship on Sundays? Explain.
- When you think about God's goodness, do you think primarily about the things He does for you or what He doesn't do that we deserve?
- Do you think our response to God's goodness affects our connection with God? Explain.
- Play the song: "Goodness of God" Bethel music (Link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvSuGyJQ6oM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvSuGyJQ6oM</a>)
   How does this song connect you to God? How does it challenge you?
- How do you respond to the goodness of God? (Do you keep it to yourself or share with others what God has done?)
- What does it mean to you that God's goodness is not limited by your failures?
- When you recall God's presence helping you in your darkest hour, what is the emotion you feel? Can you share a time when God came through for you in a difficult time?
- Discuss How God's goodness is displayed in forgiving our sins? When you think of God forgiving you, what
  is the emotion you feel? What is your response to His forgiveness?

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# OTHER NOTES:



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