

2 So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory. Psalm 63:2 (MSG)

Worship is not a <u>part</u> of the Christian life, it is the Christian life.

22 For it's not where we worship that counts, but how we worship—is our worship spiritual and real?
23 Do we have the Holy Spirit's help? For God is Spirit, and we must have his help to worship as we should.
The Father wants this kind of worship from us. John 4:22-23 (TLB)

God wants:

Worship that is <u>spiritual</u> and <u>Life</u> giving.
 What gives life is God's Spirit... John 6:63 (TEV)

Worship that is <u>real</u> and <u>authentic</u>.

From Last week:

• When we're not convinced of the Goodness of God, we change our theology

to match our <u>pain</u>.

Song: "I am Healed" River Valley Worship

Our need for healing:

...can make us <u>desperate</u> for <u>God</u>.

The Word for healing means to <u>cure</u> and <u>restore</u>.

 $26\,$... for I am the LORD, your healer. Exodus 15:26 (ESV)

 $5\,$ But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)

2 Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. Psalm 103:2-3 (NLT)

This is important:

If we don't believe that God heals, we'll never

develop faith for our healing.

What we need to know about healing:

Healing happens because of <u>faith</u> in God.

1 What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. Hebrews 11:1 (TLB)

5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.6 He was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:5-6 (NIV)

And Jesus said, "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you." Luke 18:42 (NLT)

Healing is a process and an event.

Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."...2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (NLT)

13 Each one of these people of faith died not yet having in hand what was promised, but still believing.... Hebrews 11:13 (MSG)

Faith <u>continues</u> regardless of what we <u>see</u>.

7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

Faith is the goal.

6 You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Anyone who wants to come to God must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely look for him. Hebrews 11:6 (TLB) Mark 5:25-36 (NLT)



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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?
- Jesus told the Woman at the well that the worship God wants is in Spirit and truth. What does that mean to you? What can we do that would allow us to worship that way?
- Play the song from River Valley Worship "I am healed". (Have everyone listen to the song) (google "I am healed" river valley worship)
- How does that song speak to you? Does it increase your faith? If you feel comfortable to share, What is the healing you recognize a need for God's touch in your life? What do you think the song means when it says: "I am healed, I know I am, for my God says I am..." IS there any part of the lyrics that you struggle with?
- Do you believe that God heals? How do you process those who ask for healing and don't receive it in this life? Does that cause you to doubt God's healing? (This is important to talk about)
- Talk through the points under the heading " What we need to know about healing"
- Remember, this is not just about physical healing... We all have some need for healing in our life. As you close, spend some time praying for each other. (you don't have to share your need with the group).

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<u>Other Notes:</u>



Today's Talk..



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