



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

2 ...sing yourselves into his presence. Psalm 100:2 (MSG)

Definition: Worship is my response to all that God is.

● Worship is surrendering ourselves to God daily.

1 ...Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Romans 12:1 (TEV)

1 ...Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering...Romans 12:1 (MSG)

Song: **World needs Jesus** - River Valley Worship

Understanding our need:

● Jesus heals the brokenness of our lives.

5 But he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed! Isaiah 53:5 (TLB)

A Christ follower is identified by:

● The humility that comes from knowing our personal need for Jesus.

● What overcomes the darkness of this world is the light of Christ.

12 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” John 8:12 (NLT)

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14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

When Jesus identifies us as “the light”:

● ...Jesus is telling us how to live.

16 ...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Ephesians 5:8-9 (NLT)

● God’s light in us will reflect God’s love through us.

16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. John 3:16-17 (TLB)

● God’s light in us will express God’s grace through us.

10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” 11 “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

John 8:10-11 (NLT)

12 Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses. Proverbs 10:12 (TEV)

When Jesus identifies us as “the light”:

● ...Jesus is giving us a directive to live out.

47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, ‘I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’” Acts 13:47 (NRSV)

17 ...Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles 18 to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God... Acts 26:17-18 (NLT)

● Our natural tendency is to curse the darkness rather than address the lack of light.

21 Don’t let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good. Romans 12:17-21 (MSG)

Rays of the light:

● Give others what they don’t deserve.

● Give others what God has given us.

● Live with an awareness of your need for Jesus.



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

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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?
- Google the song: “World needs Jesus” by River valley Worship. Listen to the lyrics and allow them to feed you. What is the message that grabs your heart in this song? How does this song connect you to God?
- When you hear the lyrics: “We know our world needs Jesus..” do you think that we as Christians recognize our on-going need for Jesus? Do you think we just see people disconnected from God as those with a real need for Jesus?
- How do we need Jesus to help us connect and love the hostile world we live in?
- Do you tend to curse the darkness in the world or address the lack of light in our life?
- Jesus has freed us from the power of sin. How has Jesus freed you from darkness?
- Read Ephesians 5:8-9, what does it mean to live in the light?
- With all the hatred, anger and division in our world, how do we reach people with love, peace and unity?
- What do the lyrics mean to you: “give us eyes to see the hurting and the broken”?
- Why is it important for our lives to align with God word?
- Discuss the points under the sub-heading “rays of light”.

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