



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)

- Worship is an encounter with God that changes us.
- Worship is an encounter with God that satisfies us.

No one can help us connect with God
if our heart isn't in it.

Song: **"A Million Lifetimes"** River Valley Worship

- We don't find lasting satisfaction in pleasure.
- We don't find lasting satisfaction in performance.
- We don't find lasting satisfaction in possessions.

3 Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! 4 I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. 5 You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy. Psalm 63:3-5 (NLT)

- The only one that can satisfy the human heart is the one that made it.

9 For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness. Psalm 107:9 (NKJV)

Religion - Man's attempt to please God by adhering to rules and regulations.

- Religion looks at what we "do."
- Relationship with Jesus looks at what is "done."
- Religion is man's attempt to reach God.
- Relationship with Jesus is about God's attempt to reach man.

A challenge to take to heart is:

- All of us have the capacity to become religious.

Religion is the by-product of good people doing the right things with the wrong heart.

- Religion causes us to lose the wonder of relationship with God.

Psalm 145:3-12 (NLT)

When it comes to God's greatness:

- There is no way we can completely define an infinite God.
3 Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness. Psalm 145:3 (NLT)
- We need to be careful who we allow to define God.
4 Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. Psalm 145:4 (NLT)
- Our experience comes from our investment.
5 I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles. Psalm 145:5 (NLT)
- We only talk about what we experience.
6 Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness. Psalm 145:6 (NLT)
5 I too give witness to the greatness of GOD, our Lord, high above all other gods. Psalm 135:5 (MSG)

Our awareness of God's greatness:

- Cultivates humility in us.

Humility: having an accurate view of ourselves.

Without humility we become greater than God.

28 ... 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.'

...Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success.

30 He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less. John 3:28-30 (NLT)

19 I pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him... Ephesians 1:19 (NLT)



**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?
- Do you find that worship is an encounter that satisfies us? What does that mean to you?
- Did the song help you connect with God? Was there anything about the song that spoke most to you?
- What does the point mean to you that says: "The only one that can satisfy the human heart is the one that made it."?
- Discuss the points about religion. Why is religion cold and empty?
- Do you think that all of us have the capacity to become religious? Why is that bad? What can we do to prevent that from happening?
- Do you live with an awareness of the greatness of God? Why is it important that we live with the awareness of God's greatness?
- Discuss the points under the sub heading: "When it comes to God's greatness:"
- How does humility help us to experience God's greatness?
- How does our awareness of God's greatness change how we live? How does it change our worship?

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