

# 2021 Community Groups

## WEEKLY GUIDE

### July 4<sup>th</sup>

This week Pastor Brian led us through a panel discussion on worship where he asked a group of our worship team to open up about what worship, specifically through song, means to them. How do they process it as an act of worship? What was really great was the generational span of the panelists. We got to hear from those who have been leading worship for decades and those who are just starting to exercise this act of worship.

### Community Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we recognize that worship comes in so many forms. Whether we are singing, serving, praying, or engaging in the gifts you have given us, we do it with a heart of reverence for our Creator and we give you the glory. We cannot wait until we get to worship you in heaven; in Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Opening Questions

1. What's one way you have experienced God through worship?

### EXPLORATION

Read the passages below...what can you learn about what it means to follow Jesus from these passages? (Have someone read from their bible)

2. Most of us will have a primary pathway that is most natural in how we both see, hear, learn about, worship and experience God. Which one of the 9 we talked about do you tend to lean into:
  1. Naturalist: loving God outdoors.
  2. Sensates: worship God with the senses.
  3. Traditionalists: rituals, symbols, sacraments, and sacrifice. Tithing, structure, church attendance.
  4. Ascetics: loving God in solitude and simplicity. Live a fundamentally internal existence.
  5. Activists: loving God through confrontation and justice. Standing against evil and calling to repentance.
  6. Caregivers: loving God by loving others.
  7. Enthusiasts: loving God with mystery and celebration.
  8. Contemplatives: loving God through adoration.
  9. Intellectuals: loving God with the mind.



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3. Read these passages, that both invite us into and even command us to sing...they give us a picture of what heaven sounds like. Talk about how these passages speak to you.

■ **Isaiah 42:10**

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them

■ **Psalms 68:4-5**

**4** Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds[a]; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.

**5** A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

■ **Ephesians 5:17-20**

**17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, **20** always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

■ **Revelation 4:8-11**

**8** Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God Almighty,[a]  
who was, and is, and is to come.”

**9** Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

**11** “You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created and have their being.”

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4. It's in the Imago Dei, He's an artist, creator, poet, musician and singer. If He's singing over us, first off, what is the song he's singing?!

**Zephaniah 3:17** - He's singing over us.

**17** The Lord your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you;  
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing."

### THE TAKEAWAY

#### What's happening when we're singing together?

- We are declaring Truth about who God is and what He's done
- We are praising Him for His transformational work in our stories
- We are proclaiming our desire to see His Kingdom come in and through us
- We are repenting from our sin and longing for more of His holiness
- We are lamenting for the broken places in our lives, the lives around us and the world
- We are interceding on behalf of others for hope, healing, breakthrough, and transformation
- We are unifying and aligning our Kingdom intentions as the body of Christ

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

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