



GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **MAY 31**

Series: *True Worship*

Worship and Praise

Icebreakers!

1. What's the difference between *praise* and *worship*? Is there any difference?
2. What's the greatest praise you've received? What's the greatest praise you've given?

Growing Together

3. What does a person who praises the Lord often look like? What's it like to be around them? How do we become that kind of person?
Psalm 34:1 • Psalm 92:1-2 • Psalm 113:3 • Psalm 119:164, 171 • Psalm 146:2 • Hebrews 13:15
4. What do you think of calling on people to praise the Lord when they're in a hard time? What does it look like to *choose* to praise God, even "in the valley"?
Job 1:20-22 • Psalm 22:22-26 • Psalm 42:11 • Habakkuk 3:17-19 • Acts 16:19-25
5. Why does music help us so much to praise God? How does music help even the not-musical praise God? What *not*-musical ways to praise God should all Christians practice?
1 Chronicles 15:16, 28 • 1 Chronicles 25:1, 6 • Psalm 147:1 • Psalm 150:3-6 • Isaiah 38:20
6. What's the impact of seeing everyone around you choosing to worship God with their whole being in worship? What about when those around you refuse to join in worship?
7. How can we make sure our external expressions of worship are genuine, from the heart?
8. How do we tend to *steal* praise away from God? What stops up our own praise to Him?
9. What makes celebrating *seasons* of praise special? How can seasons of praise train the church in important Christian stories?
10. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

Head, Heart, and Hands

11. What do you have to praise God for? Who is He, and how does He see you? What has He done for you, and what is He doing for you even now? What has He promised to do?
12. How ready is your heart to praise God? Is your spirit slow or sluggish in bringing God praise, or eager for any and every opportunity to praise Him? How will you train your heart to be ready to praise Him?
13. How will you choose to praise God before next Sunday? each day? before the end of THIS day? before the next task you turn to?

Exodus 15:2

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; **this is my God, and I will praise him**, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. **He is your praise.**

2 Samuel 22:2-4

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

1 Chronicles 29:11-13

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, **and praise your glorious name.**

Psalms 22:22-26

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ...

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; **those who seek him shall praise the LORD!**

Psalms 34:1

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalms 42:11

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

Psalms 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night ...

Psalms 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Psalms 150

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD!
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